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BEAR RIVER FIREMAN'S REPORT

This month's fire prevention tip:

As spring approaches thoughts turn to cleaning up from the long winter, making repairs around the home and enjoying the outdoors. Keeping a few safety thoughts in mind will help you make your spring experience much more enjoyable.

Inside the Home:

- Check and clean your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Check your fire extinguishers
- Check for overloaded or damaged extension cords
- Prepare for storm related outages (make sure your flashlights and portable radios have batteries and that other supplies, such as bottled water, are stocked and available)
- Properly store household chemicals and never mix cleaning agents

Outside and Around the Yard:

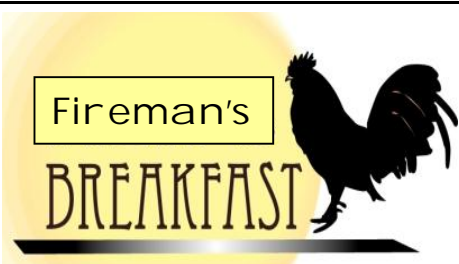
- Make sure your address numbers are up and visible from the street
- Clean up yard debris. Cut back dead limbs and grasses
- Maintain a clear 'fire zone' of 10' around structures. Clean up leaves and debris and consider using stone or non-combustible mulches
- Check outdoor electrical outlets and other electrical appliances
- Get your grill cleaned and serviced. Check all propane tanks and lines for leaks and damage
- Keep 100' of garden hose with an attached nozzle connected and ready for use

In the Garage or Shed:

- Clean up and properly store paints, pool and yard chemicals
- Check fuels containers for leaks and make sure they are properly stored
- Have all power equipment cleaned, serviced and readied for use

THE BEAR RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The AGM Of the Bear River Historical Society was also held in March. The bylaws of the organization have been changed to disallow anyone being on the same job for more than three years. The new slate of officers is:



SATURDAY APRIL 6TH
AT THE BEAR RIVER FIRE HALL
7-10 A.M.

COME OUT TO SUPPORT
YOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
AND ENJOY THE CAMARADERIE
AND CHOW DOWN

President—none,
Vice Pres: Roz Mc Cue,
Secretary: Joan Smith,
Treasurer: Dee Dee Chute,
Directors:
Cathy Banks, Don Rice, Jenny Stewart Mulligan, for the minimum number.
Book signing by Mike Parker is in the works.

BEAR RIVER LEGION ACTIVITIES

Coming up in the month of April is
**the Tommy Thibidealt
Mixed Nine Ball Scotch Doubles
Memorial Tournament
on April 27.**
Pre registration is 20.00 per team.
call 467-3705 for more information.

**The WINNERS of the Howard Morine
Memorial Dart Tournament were
the John Gemby team.**

The Galley Trophy played for in March between Bear River and Clementsport went back to Clementsport for the year.

THE SPRING FLING will be held in May this year. Lots of time to organize a table and sell some of that extra stuff you have lying around!

PETER WHEELER DIDN'T DO IT!

At a recent lecture at the Library in Annapolis Royal, it was revealed by Dr. Debra Komar, forensic anthropologist, that it was impossible that Peter Wheeler could have killed Annie Kempton, and the many transgressions of procedure and justice that led to his execution. She listed the following as possible suspects: two drunk men seen in the vicinity in the early hours of the morning, Joseph Pictou, from the first Nations Reserve, an unknown man who was seen by Annie peering in her window, and Hardy Benson, alleged boyfriend of the victim. Dr. Komar reveals her suspicions and the evidence that supports them regarding the real killer, in her book, "The Lynching of Peter Wheeler" which is due to come out this fall. Stay tuned. For more interesting history about Bear River, and lots of great photos and stories, visit bearrivernovascotia.com and learn about the town in which you live!

JON WELCH STRIKES AGAIN

Director Jon Welch of the Bear River Board of Trade was caught red-handed once again stealing The Tides, last month this time at the Cherry Brook Grocery. When questioned if he was going to be sending them to all his friends, he had no response. In future, extra copies of the Tides will be kept behind the counter. If you don't see any, ask. Don't forget, you can always read The Tides on line as many do, at thebearrivertides.com



CLASSIFIED ADS:

TERESA'S HIS AND HER'S HAIRSTYLING:
get great cuts, colors,
perms and Highlights.
19 Chute Avenue, 467-3930

For all masonry needs including
WETT inspections, contact
Bernie Morine,
licensed bricklayer.
Get your chimney cleaned -
be safe! 467-3384

Spacious apartment in Victorian building,
downtown Bear River. Great light—
nice details. call 467-0268

APRIL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS GO TO:

Reg Long, turns 85,	April 4
Richard Scragg,	April 5,
Abbey Frost turns 12,	April 6,
Steve Isles	April 8,
Chaz Charlton,	April 9,
Jenna Melanson	April 12,
Melanie Meuse,	April 12.
Sandy Burrell,	April 16,
Betty Burrell,	April 17,
Rose Meuse turns 43,	April 17,
Jonathan Long turns 29,	April 23
Max Wilson turns 10,	April 24,
Tim Wilson celebrates 66	April 25,
Glendon Milbury,	April 26,
Shannon Trimper,	April 27,
Matthew Dawson turns 11	April 28.

EARLY MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Barb Longmire, May 1,
Darlene Peck, May 2,

SOCIAL NEWS:

- George Sloane and Susan Friend enjoyed a trip out west. After George returned to Bear River to keep the home fires burning, Susan traveled to warmer climates before heading back to get ready for another gardening season.
- Crystal and Dean Randall and son have returned to Bear River to live in the home of her parents, June and Allen Warren, on the River Road. Welcome back!
- Phyllis Read enjoyed the company of several relatives over the Easter weekend.
- Carol Jefferson is in Nunavut for several months in a term position.
- Pab Trudy and Abby Frost enjoyed a visit with relatives in Florida in March.
- Also home from travels south are Christine Harlow and daughter Amber Potter.
- Chelsea Potter and Garet Robbins had a great time in Cuba in early March.
- Kyle Ellis was home for Easter weekend to visit family and friends.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

BREDS:

The Bear River Economic Development Society meets the first Wed. each month at 7:30. at the Legion. All welcome!

BEAR RIVER AND AREA CLINIC: BOARD meets first Tuesday each month at 7:00. New Members needed.

LEGION LADIES' AUX: 1st Thurs. each month in Aux room at Legion at 7:30—Card Parties Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

Visit www.bearrivernovascotia.com for updates of news and events and other fun stuff!

- Emily Ashe, daughter of Darren and Tracey Ashe, has the privilege to be part of a six week training voyage on the HMCS Preserver. Before leaving, she was promoted to Chief Cadet, the second highest rank in the Cadet system. Congratulations!
- We are all pleased to hear that Suzie Jacques is feeling much better.
- Essie Manette is in hospital.
- Francois Bellefontaine didn't encounter a single piranha during his trip to South America, and other ports of call in the Caribbean. He should be arriving back home in Bear River to recover from his exhausting winter schedule and start gardening sometime in the near future.
- Flora Doehler is busy planning her garden for the summer, and of course, making art.
- Sharon Truman spent some time in Halifax recently taking some courses.
- The Easter bunny paid a pre-Easter visit to the Bear River First Nations Reserve. According to Cedar Rose Waterman, "He left about a million and more eggs!"

CONGRATULATIONS:

to Donna and Bobby Perkins, who celebrate another anniversary on April 5th.

CONDOLENCES:

to the family and friends of Ritchie Milbury who passed away suddenly in March.

We are sorry to report the passing of Evelyn Henshaw in March, after a valiant battle with cancer. Evelyn was very active in so many ways in the community contributing to the Historical Society and the United Church. Her warm heart and good nature will be truly missed by all those who knew her. Condolences to all her friends and family.

BEAR RIVER BOARD OF TRADE

The AGM of the Bear River Board of Trade was held in March and the meeting started with Pete Tomlin spending ten minutes bullying and harassing a local businessperson. President Larry Knox read the president's report in which he spoke of the great comraderie of the members of the Board of Trade and how much fun they had.

POOL AT THE LEGION: FRIDAYS , SAT. TUES AT 8PM AND THURSDAY @1./SENIORS DARTS THURS 7:30

BEAR RIVER BOARD OF TRADE

Quarterly meeting at 7:30 pm at the Fire Hall. All Welcome.

TOPS, Thursday nights: at the Fire Hall— 6 to 7—Everyone welcome.

Bear River New Horizons is open every Tuesday 1—4 for tea and a chat!!

Submissions to the Tides must be received by the 25th of the month. Call 467 0268 or Email: havefun@bellaliant.net

The committee reports reveal that there is not much being planned for the upcoming year. The B of T will continue to meet with the municipality of Digby to hopefully further develop the "no-riff-raff" park next to Cherry Brook into a parking lot. Your tax dollars at work! The Farmer's and Trader's market will begin again in May, with more publicity about the free music. It was reported that the last few markets did not draw enough vendors to cover expenses.

In a message from Carol Dibble who operates the Sewage Treatment plant, the Board was informed that the plant could be closing and joining with the Digby side operation as early as July. When questioned about the future use of the building, Pete Tomlin explained that the building and concrete pad that it sits on would be removed.

It was also revealed that plans are in progress to remove the peace garden and return it to a field. What would be done with the donated plants was not discussed.

The treasurer's report by Rick Jacques, showed that the Board of Trade is more than ten thousand dollars in debt, half of which is owed because of the director's determination to destroy a garden owned by a local business person and critic of the B of T. This is approximately the same amount owed as last year. Fortunately, the Bass Tournament ,run in part by Duff Wilson, made a donation of 1000 dollars to cover some of the ongoing expenses.

The election of officers took place. The new executive is: Larry Knox, President, Duff Wilson, Vice President, Rick Jacques, secretary, Chris Tibbs, treasurer.

The directors are: Jon Welch, Rob Buckland Nicks, Don Rice, Noreen Miller, and Kelly Foxton, for the minimum of five required. Exiting the stage are Flora Doehler, Jane Kingston, Simone Wilson and Pete Tomlin. This is the fewest number of directors in at least the past 30 years.

The President, Larry Knox summed up his hopes for the coming year: eliminating debt, keeping out of debt, build up strength in committees. Unfortunately the membership is at an all time low.

Also hopes for the upcoming year include working with arts groups to help promote them, develop social media, and continue fundraising.

No mention was made of organizing a Canada Day celebration. [Get full details of The Board of Trade AGM on thebearrivertides.com.]



TOPS/KOPS
Thursday Evenings
6 to 7:00 pm

Bear River Fire Hall
Entrance 911 door..
for More Info Call
Donna Peck 467-3632

ALL WELCOME....