



The Bear River Tides

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Another Great Year ahead...

The Bear River Millyard Recreation is looking forward to another great year with lots of activities throughout the summer. It all starts happening on May 19th with the first Saturday market of the year, and this one is on the house: all tables are free! With the great indoor/outdoor venue, the market is happening RAIN OR SHINE.

There's a great variety of product including artwork, baked goods, vegetables in season, flea market items, antiques, books, jewelry, furniture, quilts, jellies and jams, photographs, lunch specials and fresh-brewed coffee.

Additionally, enjoy a unique atmosphere with friendly faces, educational opportunities, prizes, fun & conversation.

Come on down and see all the new changes, and if you are looking for a change of scenery when you next go for a walk, why not wander through the Millyard and enjoy the view of the river from a different angle. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call 467.3648 or visit www.millyardrecreation.com.

The Anglican Church in Bear River will be holding Sunday services throughout the months of May and June.

THE LOSS OF A LEGACY

Unfortunately it wasn't an April Fool's joke when the Hillsburgh United Church was decommissioned on April 1st, ending a long history in the village.

From "Lennie Wade's Historic Glimpses of Picturesque Bear River": The first Methodist Church was built almost on the site of the present one, in 1837, and was used until 1859 or 1860 when the present one was erected. The old building was moved up to the Chute Rd, next to the home of H.H. Chute, where it still stands used as a dwelling home. Until 1860, this church belonged to the circuit of Annapolis, which was extended from Digby to Horton, but in that year it became an independent circuit and the ministers have been as follows: Rev. F.W. Pickles, R.Mason, J.S. Coffin, F. Harris, Wm. McCarty.....

The church is now for sale for \$125,000:
A Piece of History on the market.



Elvis rocks the joint for Diane Griffith's BIRTHDAY PARTY!!!



It's great to see the half pipe that the Municipality of Annapolis provided last summer up and running at the waterfront park.

A big thanks goes to Jon Welch who donated his time to assembling it. It will be nice to see some skateboarders honing their skills.

THE BEAR RIVER TIDES

Thanks to all the supporters of The Bear River Tides. Since we started tens of thousands have visited and found out about what is really going on in town. Ignorance is not bliss... Think for yourself.

Visit: www.thebearrivertides.com
Don't be the last one to know—

Truth is the only merit that gives dignity and worth to history. Lord Acton.



OPEN HOUSE

May 3rd at 7 p.m.
Everyone Welcome

It is not just for the ladies...
TOPS BR Chapter 5258
REGULAR MEETING TIMES
6:30-7:30 p.m.
The Bear River Fire Hall

The website bearrivernovascotia.com is growing, with lots of info about the village: past and present. Get the news and learn stuff. Lots of photos past and present. Have fun.

Good News! The Harper Government's cut of funding to C@P sites will not affect the one at Oakdene Center. A student has been hired and the C@p site will be open more often than ever. Check out the new hours to be posted in late May. And drop in to find out about all the computer and business services they offer...use of computers is FREE!

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Happy Birthday wishes to

Barb Longmire,	May 1
Jeff Knorek-Onysko,	May 2
Darlene Peck,	May 2
Flora Doehler,	May 4
Betty Norton,	May 8
Pam Frost,	May 11
Earl Porter,	May 12
Teresa Henshaw,	May 14
Barbara Helmsley,	May 16
Sue White,	May 16
Don Rice,	May 19
Eva Tibbetts,	May 20
Dorothy Robichaud,	May 20
Bev Milbury,	May 23
Susan Wambolt,	May 24
Carol White,	May 27
Eric Cox,	May 27
Sheila Cassidy,	May 28
Karen Mansfield,	May 30.
Carolyn Wagner,	May 31,
Sharon Trueman Goodyear,	June 1

SOCIAL NEWS:

- Francois Bellefontaine has returned home after his extensive world tour that took him to Australia, Tahiti, New Zealand, Mexico, Portugal and other far flung places. He is planning to relax with some intensive gardening.
- Also welcome back to Katherine Sherwood and Barry and Sheila Cassidy, all of who spent their winters in warmer climates.
- Roz Rice turned 80 Apr. 30 and celebrated with an open house birthday party at the Advent Christian Church on the 28th. Congratulations!
- Myrtle and Rosie's has expanded! That's right, the space formerly occupied by Kelly Foxton's Trading Post is now part of the kitchen, making much more room in the previous space for tables and merchandise. Drop in and see how great it looks.
- And speaking of Myrtle and Rosie's, Diane Griffith celebrated her birthday on April 18, getting home from hospital just a couple of days before. A fantastic birthday party was held on Apr. 20th with Elvis flying in for the occasion. A great time was had by all.
- We wish Karen Mansfield well in her upcoming medical treatments. She is off to Saskatchewan to

visit with her son and family beforehand. Karen and Gordon are both very proud of grandchildren Makaila, age 10, and Madison, age 8 who took Wawota, Sask. by storm by winning first place in a singing contest, talent show. And Dylan Mansfield took 3rd place with his magic talents and fabulous magic show. Well done!

- Also off to visit family and friends in Saskatchewan this month is Karen Cummings. What will the Post Office do in the meantime?
- Betty Raymond enjoyed her winter in Virginia, but is happy to be back in Bear River.
- We welcome Sue Robinson to the village. Sue has moved here all the way from Annapolis Royal.
- The Changing Tides Diner has also gotten an uplift with new windows in the back section. It's good to see Peggy open for another season.
- Tim Wilson is back in Bear River after a lengthy absence. Simone Wilson is happy to be back in the saddle after recovering from pneumonia.
- Welcome to Kevin and Francine, who have settled into the former home of Glendean Parker.
- Good News! Raine Ryan, daughter of Shyla Harris and Cody Ryan, is off the critical list and doing well. The hope is that she will soon be strong enough for surgery.
- The former location of the Bear River Bargains and Books is filled once again. Mark Jacques has opened his upholstery shop there.. Mark is the son of Stan and Alice Jacques who operated SAM Upholstery for many years, and Mark has been running the business for some time now in Clementsvale.
- The Scotch Doubles pool tournament in Annapolis Royal in April saw Fred Miller and Andrea walk away with second place and \$200.00.. Well played!
- And more about pool: the winners of this year's Tommy Thibideault Trophy were Steve Cole and Jimmy Saulnier, with Cecil Hooper and Sue Robinson coming in second.
- Phyllis Read enjoyed the company of visiting family over the Easter weekend.
- Kyle Ellis was happy to spend the Easter weekend with his mother, Teresa Henshaw, and enjoyed a great Easter dinner with the family around the dinner table.
- Congratulations to Eric Cox, who won the draw for

the quilt at the Bear River Health Clinic.

- Flora Doehler and Larry Knox enjoyed the company of son, Jesse who visited recently. Flora is working hard to expand her vegetable garden before the black flies arrive.
- Congratulations to Barb Helmsley who won the Spring Fling's door prize, donated by the Millyard Recreation.
- Paul and Gretchen Volenik have returned from a trip to Boston to visit grandchildren and family.
- Congratulations to the Bear River Vineyards & Winery who won four medals, one Silver and three Bronze in March, 2012, at a charity wine competition in upstate New York.
- Once again Destination Southwest Nova has named two businesses in Bear River on their list of the five best shopping experiences between Middleton and Briar Island. Congratulations to the Flight of Fancy and Oddcity Designs for setting standards in the marketplace.
- For photos and more information about some of these events, visit bearrivernovascotia.com (see "a special celebration" for the photos of Elvis!) Remember that village news is added regularly to the website:bearrivernovascotia.com.

CONGRATULATIONS:

- Congratulations to Mary and Drowsy Goodale who celebrate 26 years together on May 10.
- And Mary and Carl Golding celebrate their anniversary on May 19th
- Belated Congratulations to Caroline and Robert Wagner who celebrated 46 years together on April 16th

BEAR RIVER BOARD OF TRADE NEWS:

Don Rice and Pete Tomlin have been re-writing the by-laws of the Bear River Board of Trade. The Board of Trade was established in 1905, and monthly meetings have been held ever since. However, the new bylaws stipulate that general meetings will now only be held on a quarterly basis, that is, every 3 months. Since anyone wishing to join has to wait until the second meeting, it means that anyone not a member will have to wait 6 months to join. The other change to the by-laws is that the executive has the right to expel any member they feel is causing problems. No longer is there any due process of complaints and hearings.

Anyone with concerns about how this eliminates any pretense of the Board of Trade being a community organization should contact president Larry Knox. The Board of Trade is holding a Mardi Gras on the 4th and a plant sale at the Green Lantern on the 13th. If you want to help the Board of Trade pay off the thousands of dollars of debt from last year that they spent on surveyors and lawyers, here's your chance.

Find out who's running the show and get all the news about what the Bear River Board of Trade is up to at thebearrivertides.com

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.

OAKDENE CENTRE: CARD PARTIES

Tuesdays and Fridays at 7p.m.

LEGION LADIES' AUX: 1st Thurs. each month in Aux room at Legion at 7:30

POOL AT THE LEGION: FRIDAYS AT 8PM**BEAR RIVER BOARD OF TRADE MEETINGS:-**

3rd Monday each month at 7:30 pm at the Fire Hall. All Welcome.

TOPS, Thursday nights: at the Fire Hall— weigh in 6:30, meeting 7:00-7:30— Everyone welcome.

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

Submissions for inclusion to the Tides must be received by the 15th of the month. Call 467 0268 or Email: havefun@bellaliant.net