

The Bear River Tributary

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Repair of the Green Lantern Building

The Bear River Historical Society is continuing to raise funds to repair the Green Lantern Building for future occupation by the Heritage Museum. So help keep the history alive and bring yourself and your friends to the Songwriter's Circle and Silent Auction event on Sept. 22 at Oakdene Centre. Great music, great shopping opportunity and a great way to support a great cause, all in one event. Doors open at 7:30, Music starts at 8.

Watch for posters around town

Our Youth Centre is Growing Up

This fall, the Bear River Youth Centre will be hiring a full time worker to coordinate activities and programs for our young people. This will mean extended hours for the Centre and new programming to include a wider age range. The Youth Centre (now located downtown on the 2nd floor of the Trading Post) already has a variety of games, crafts, and active programs underway. The Saturday games at the Ball Field have been great fun! The Youth Centre is still looking for items: Gently used area-rugs, a coffee maker, a printer... are all on the wish list. And of course, anyone with an interest in contributing time or talent to the centre is always welcome! Call Susan at 467-0441 for information.

The Bear River Story Saturday August 18

At the July 14 preview, we were introduced to several delightful spirits who are intent on bringing shadows of the past into the realm of the living. They're all part of the *Bear River Story*, a series of vignettes, each depicting a chapter from our history.

Don't miss the premier performance on Saturday, August 18 at 7:30 pm. at the Oakdene Centre. This 2-hour gala will showcase all of these "little stories" under one roof. A reception will follow. For further information, or to get involved, please call Hal Theriault at 245-5629.

And the Story Continues... Read All About it in the

Bear River Strategic Plan: For those of us who sometimes become baffled and bemused by all the different groups and goings-on in Bear River... Nota Bene! (That's Latin for N.B.)

The Bear River Strategic Development Plan is a new document that summarizes the current state of our community, its challenges, and its future potential. This report provides a wealth of information and clarity for anyone, or any group, with an interest in the social and economic development of Bear River. You can receive it on-line at the blog site bridgsns.wordpress.com (no "www") or contact John Malmström at 467-0441.

Farewell to Dr. Goddard

After years of providing dedicated medical service to our community, Dr. Goddard has decided to retire his services at the Bear River and Area Community Clinic. August 15 will be his last day.

Dr. Goddard saw his first patient on Wed., April 19, 1995. With few exceptions, he has visited this area every week since then. Over the 12 years he has braved winter storms and treacherous driving conditions to see his many patients. Dr. Goddard has been a vital part of our community and we will miss him very much.

There is a community thank-you card at the Clinic for anyone who wishes to sign it. The Clinic's Board of Directors is planning a special farewell tea, on Saturday Sept. 8. in Dr. Goddard's honour. For details, contact the Clinic at, 467-3611 or visit www.bearriverandareaclinic.ca.

More Clinic News: Dianne Corbett RN/ Nurse Practitioner will be starting at the Clinic on August 18. Dianne specializes in health concerns for those 65 and older.

Digby County Exhibition!

It's that time of year again: horse pulls, ox hauls, truck pulls, produce and cooking contests... Come celebrate our farming heritage at the Digby County Exhibition. The exhibition runs from Wednesday Aug 22 to Saturday August 25. The schedule is chock full of events from morning 'til night.

For a full schedule, look for the posters around town



A photo of ox teams lining up in 1940's at the Digby County Exhibition. Come see the 21st century models this year Aug 22- 25.

Social Notes

We all welcome Lynn Belanger who has recently moved to our village.

Fran Fetter enjoyed a wonderful visit with daughter Cheryl and a friend who were visiting from Toronto. This was Cheryl's first visit in 3 years and she said that she looks forward to being able to return home permanently!

Diane Jotterand recently returned from a motorcycle trip to Newfoundland. Sharon Trueman was also in St. John's and was able to spend some time with Diane to give her a proper tour of the city.

Congratulations

Happy anniversary wishes to George and Crystal Burrell, on their 16th anniversary, August 10, ... and to Leslie and Lynn Milbury who celebrate 36 years together on August 28.

Special anniversary greetings to Ruby and Earl Porter who celebrate 56 years on Sept. 20.

Congratulations to Robby Bayes and Julie Palmer who will be married on August 25.

Birthdays in the News

Belated birthday greetings to: Leslie Harris, June 25 and Ron Harris, June 29.

August birthday greetings to Jane Porter, Aug 2; Goldie Henderson, Aug 2; Lillas Peck, Aug 4; Bob Benson, August 12; Nathan Waterman, August 14; Mary Clairmont, Aug 13; Jessica Ring, Aug 22; Karna Wright, Aug 23; Nicole Ring, Aug 30.

Arthur Isles turned 87 years young on July 30, he celebrated with many of his family from Ontario visiting. Well done, Arthur, keep up the good work!

September Birthdays: Happy birthday in September to: Callum Draper, Sept 11, and Cedar Rose Waterman on Sept. 13, both of who will turn 4! Darren Ring, Sept. 18, Glendean Parker, Sept. 20

Caroline and Robert Wagner's Third Annual Pig Roast on July 22, was even bigger and possibly even better than previous years. How it can get any better is hard to imagine. There were well over a hundred family and friends in attendance and more than enough food for everyone. Guests have begun to count the days until next year's event!

Musical Ride a Galloping Success

Bear River was host to the world famous RCMP Musical Ride. Hundreds of spectators turned out on a picture-perfect August evening to applaud this display of cooperation between rider and horse at the Digby Exhibition Grounds. Thank you to the Bear River Volunteer Fire Department for bringing this event to our community!

Guest Speaker at the next BRIDGS meeting

BRIDGS has invited Terri McCulloch from the Bay of Fundy Tourism Partnership to speak about the opportunities in Bear River to attract tourists and researchers from all over the world. Our village is superbly situated for exploring and studying the unique ecology and geology of the Bay of Fundy. Ms. McCulloch will be speaking at the next BRIDGS meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 in the Youth Centre. Everyone is Welcome.

Pat on the Back

Thank you to all the community groups and individuals who participated in the production of the Bear River Strategic Development Plan. What a solid foundation to build upon!

Musical Society

There is a renewed interest in forming a group devoted to bringing musical entertainment to our village. Anyone wishing to get involved can contact Carol Dibble at 467- 3836.

BRIDGS: Meets second Wed. each month at the Youth Centre, 7:30. Everyone Welcome.
Bear River and Area Clinic: Board meets first Tuesday each month at 7:00. New Members needed.
Amnesty International 2nd Tues. each month in the United Church Vestry, 7pm
Oakdene Centre: Card Parties Tuesdays at 7p.m.
Bear River Board of Trade meetings:- second Thursday each month, 7:30 pm at the Fire Hall.
Bear River Fire Hall Breakfast: Skip July (sorry). Next breakfast: August 4 at the Fire Hall 7-10 a.m.
New Horizons Quilting Bee: Thursday afternoons, New Horizons Open house Thursday afternoons 1-4.
Oakdene Seniors' Exercise Classes: Wednesday mornings from 10 –11. Sponsored by the Digby Recreational Dept.

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BREDS	
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Changing Tides Restaurant	

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