

The Bear River Tributary

Panorama of Bear River, N.S.



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A Fish Story

Bass Tournament a Soggy Success

Despite heavy rains on Saturday September 15, the Bear River Bass Fishing Tournament was well attended and, by all accounts, a great success. Sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion, the tournament attracted fishermen and women from near and far to try their luck and skill. The three hundred dollar first prize went to Bill Tibertf of Kentville. Main organizers, Fred Miller and Duffer Wilson wish to thank all the volunteers who participated in staging this event. We predict it will become an annual happening!

Youth Centre Welcomes New Coordinator

The Bear River Youth Centre is pleased to welcome Jared Haight as the new Special Projects Co-ordinator. Mr. Haight will begin to coordinate and implement new youth-related programs and projects on a full-time basis beginning on September 24. He brings to the Centre not only recreational experience, but training and a professional background in the arts. The Youth Centre committee looks forward to working with him to provide a variety of creative, fun and meaningful experiences to the young people of the area.

In addition, the Municipality of Annapolis has recently gifted the Youth Centre with a generous grant of \$1000. This will be used for program development as well as readying the Centre for our new Co-ordinator.

Oakdene Centre Gets a Facelift

Oakdene Centre wishes to thank the following funders for the Summer 2007 renovation grant: Municipality of County of Annapolis Community Recreation Grant Student Career Skills Development Program, NS Office of Economic Development and especially, The Nova Scotia Health and Promotion and Protection - Recreation Facility Development Program: Oakdene has new lighting in the main foyer, the back roof fixed, the main floor washrooms renovated and on the front of the building the mould has been removed with stain applied, and paint on the trim scraped with primer applied. Drive by and take a look! The improvement is wonderful!

Programs for the fall include:

Tai Chi for beginners starts Mon., Oct. 1, 7:00 p.m..
Sparks and Brownies Tues. 6 – 7 p.m.
Card Parties Tues. and Sat. 7 p.m.

Musician Tom Berry

New CD Launch at the Changing Tide

Tom Berry's acoustically engaging music has been entertaining audiences in the Annapolis Valley for many years. He has been a regular performer at Kings Theatre, Upper Clements Park and The Fundy Folk and Seaside Folk festivals. This fall, the newly re-established Bear River Music Society will proudly host the release of his third CD.

The concert will take place at the Changing Tides Diner on Saturday October 6, from 7 – 10 p.m. Tickets are \$8 (\$6 if you hold a membership with the music society). Come out and enjoy an evening of music and friendship.

Bid to Refurbish the Green Lantern Continues

Local artist, Charles Couper has donated a beautiful painting toward efforts to renovate the historic Green Lantern building in Bear River. Raffle tickets to own this piece of art are being sold by members of the Bear River Historical Society. For more information on this project contact Zoe Knorek-Onysko 467-0268.

Local Artists Exhibiting

Sharon Trueman and Sandy Burrell are again exhibiting their work at the Scallop Palette Show, Digby Hospital, beginning September 12th through November 14th.

Bear River Volunteer Fire Department Fire Prevention Week October 7-13, 2007

Fire prevention tip: Draw a floor plan of your home with your family, plan and practice your escape in case a fire does start. Always call 911 **after** you are outside the scene of a fire. Select a place to meet all of your family outside the burning structure. Make sure everyone is accounted for and **never** let anyone go back inside.

The next breakfast is October 6 at the Bear River Fire Hall from 7 – 10 a.m. We will have free Fire Prevention Literature and draws to give away smoke detectors. We also have members available to give your group a Fire Safety message any time of the year.

Pat on the Back

A big pat on the back and thank you to all the volunteers who "Museum -sat" enabling the Museum to stay open all summer. Once again, everyone who visited really appreciated the look at Bear River's past.

And...a big Thank You to the participants and volunteers of this year's Terry Fox Run. Thanks to their efforts more than \$900.00 was raised for this very worthy cause.

Tourism Update

The visitor numbers at the Visitor Information Centre show that Bear River is holding steady with previous years, while other Bureaus are showing decreasing numbers. Thanks to the generous donations through various fundraisers, the necessary shingling, and much of the painting has been completed on the Windmill.

A new Bed and Breakfast has opened in town. *The Vineyard Haven* is located in the former Bruce Read home on Chute Road.

Social Notes

We all wish the best of luck to Anne, Tim and Lillian Grace Peck as they begin their new life in the Truro area.

Francois Bellefontaine recently returned from a trip to Mexico City where he enjoyed viewing the Frida Khalo retrospective. Since returning, he has entertained several friends and family members from the Halifax area.

Linda Mae Findlay has returned from her summer away in Saskatchewan and visiting with son Elijah and family in Boston. Linda Mae is particularly happy about her new granddaughter.

Tim and Simone Wilson and boys have been busy entertaining friends from Ontario and enjoyed a long visit with Simone's parents and grandfather who were excited about seeing Max head off for his first day of school.

Congratulations to Joan Smith on the arrival of the new grandchild! Joan spent some time this month in Halifax getting to know the latest addition.

We all hope to see Pat Waterman up and running again soon after her leg injury this summer. We hear that she is being well cared for by family and friends.

James Kolpek and Diane Jubie enjoyed a visit from James's mother and friend from Oregon.

Shayla and Shane Mah are back home after spending several weeks with their father and grandparents in British Columbia. Shane was particularly happy about seeing the Vancouver Canucks in action.

Sandi Innis and Denzel Yorke recently entertained visitors Rose Marie Harding and Larry Adcock from North Carolina. Also visiting were relatives from Ontario: Julie and Murray Oliver and daughter Jessica, who is back for her third year at Acadia.

It was nice that Greg Trimper was able to get back to Bear River for another visit from his current job in Alberta.

Jane Kingston entertained her cousins from Saskatchewan for several days in August.

Condolences

Condolences to the family and friends of Wilbur Parker who recently passed away at the age of 99.

Congratulations

The family and friends of Kitrin Johnson and Adam Jeffrey helped celebrate their wedding at the Hillsdale House in Annapolis Royal on August 25. Kitrin is the daughter of Gladys and Cameron Johnson, and grand daughter of Mary and Carl Golding. Best wishes for a wonderful future together!

Birthdays in the News

Belated birthday greetings to Carol Dibble on Sept. 4, also Judy. Thomas who celebrated Sept. 16th; (special birthday hug to Judy from Walter.) Also, heartfelt birthday greetings to Jane Kingston, Sept. 20. A huge Birthday Greeting to Phyllis Rice who turned 99 on September 15, and is still going strong.

Happy October Birthday greetings to : Wayne Milbury, Oct. 5; Marjorie Tibbets, Oct. 12; Angela McMullen, Oct. 15; Terri Leonard, October 16 ; and Noelle Lucas, Oct. 28.

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-8pm.

Oakdene Centre: Card Parties Tuesdays at 7p.m.

Legion Ladies' Aux: 1st Thurs. each month in Aux room at Legion at 7:30

Bear River Board of Trade meetings:- second Thursday each month, 7:30 pm at the Fire Hall.

Bear River Fire Hall Breakfast: Next breakfast: October 6 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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