

# The Bear River Tributary

Panorama of Bear River, N.S.

## SEASON'S GREETINGS To One and All!

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### Celebrate the Season!

The Bear River Economic Development Society is holding a festive fundraiser on December 13 with a tea, sale and auction, all starting at 2 pm. It's a great way to enjoy an afternoon with friends and find a few great Christmas gifts, with proceeds going to the upkeep of the Trading Company Building. Also on the 13th and 14th of December the Farmer's market will be holding its Christmas weekend with lots of wonderful goodies for the Christmas season. Hours are from 10 until 4 in the Trading Company building. Call Glendean Parker, 467-3695 or Wylie White, 467-0985 if you are interested in booking a table

Don't miss the Hillsburgh United Church Christmas Concert, Sunday, Dec. 14 at 7 pm, where the musical entertainment, skits and carol sings will put you in the mood for the holiday season. The freewill offering will help benefit the Food bank. Refreshments will follow the entertainment portion of the evening.

Don't forget that "Water Under the Bridge" the history of Bear River, 1920-1980, makes an excellent Christmas gift and is available at the Cherry Brook grocery.

### Brownie News!

New Brownie enrolment: Nov.25th: 7 new brownies: Abby Frost, Mykal Langley, Emma Lewis, Courtney Mahar, Jadyn Samson, Riley Sibbley, Alyssa Westcott.  
2 second year brownies: Desiree Gesner, Lauren Kaiser  
Part-time leader: Niki Lewis, Heather Charlton full time leader

A presentation and donation to Cathy Banks as a thank you for the Oakdene facilities. to a Brownie Christmas party is scheduled to take place at the home of Carolyn Wagner. The Bear River Brownies have earned the waste reducer challenge badge through Clean Nova Scotia; the requirements for the badge were a community garbage pickup, toy and book swap, completion of a recycled craft, and learning about recycling. Congratulations to all!

Congratulations to Hannah and Avery for completing the Waste Reducer Challenge Badge. Hannah belongs to the 1st Digby Guide Company and Avery is with the 6th Bear River Beaver Colony. Avery's Badge was earned through Scouts Canada and Hannah and the Brownies were earned through Girl Guides of Canada.

### Historic Pics...

#### Anybody recognize these Boy Scouts?



### Bear River Musical Society News

The Bear River Musical Society recently held its Annual General Meeting.

The Society will continue its mission to promote and encourage local musical talent and bring high quality entertainment to the residents of Bear River. Watch for a new series of concerts and events in the New Year

The Musical Society holds its most of its events in the large front studio at the Oakdene Centre. To help with rent and heating costs, the Society offers the space to other organizations for meetings and activities. For more information, contact Carol Dibble.

### The Bear River Fire Department News

The village Christmas tree lighting took place at 6 pm on Dec. 6 with refreshments and holiday cheer. The tree is always a bright and festive addition to our village landscape..

**Kudos to all of you who have decorated  
your homes and businesses for the season!  
The village is aglow!**

Read the Tributary on line at the Bear River Board of Trade site [www.bearriver.ca](http://www.bearriver.ca)

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Max and Glendean Parker who celebrate their 39th anniversary on Dec. 26!

Congratulations to Wally and Laurel Shishkov who celebrate 26 years – this December.

### Birthdays in the News

Happy Birthday greetings to Colleen Winchester, December 3, Shelly Rice, December 4th, Randy Fetter, Dec. 4, Tony Andrews, Dec. 6, Shirley Robar, Dec 10, Jon Welch, Dec. 11, Wally Shishkov Dec.12; Derek Simmons, Dec. 13, Diane Jubie Dec. 14; Mary Goodale, Dec 16, Nicole Cress, Dec. 22, Louise Wood, Dec. 22, Karen Frazier, Dec. 24, Sarah Elizabeth Glover, Dec. 25, Leah Harlow; Dec. 28.

But most importantly: Walter Wambolt turns 63 on December 18th. Happy Birthday Walter!!!

### Social Notes

Carolyn Wagner recently spent a week visiting her brother Wayne Handspiker, and wife Ginny (Hopkins), in New Brunswick and enjoyed her time shopping for more Christmas presents and decorations.

Sharon Trueman and Zoe Onysko recently travelled to Cape Breton to visit friends, family and experience the

We all wish Francis Fetter a full and speedy recovery after her recent stay in hospital. Thanks from family to all the friends for their great support and special thanks to Shirley Robar.

We wish Jan Nicolichuk all the best as she starts her new life in Ontario. Our village will certainly miss the volunteer contributions she made during her time here.

Diane and Wayne Milbury would like to thank everyone who made the recent fundraiser for them so successful.

### A Fish Story:

#### It's Old News...But, Better Late Than Never

The second annual Bear River Bass Tournament last September was a resounding success with 47 entrants and more than 40 bass caught. A big thank you to Duff Wilson and Fred Miller who were the organizers and all the volunteers who helped to make it happen. First prize winner was Bill Tibert, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, B.J. Trimper and third prize winner was Shirley Homes. Look for the tournament to be even bigger next year!

The Tributary is presented by the *Bear River Historical Society*, with the generous support of our sponsors. The deadline for news is the 15th of each month. Submissions can be made to Laurel 467-3643. [laurelshishkov@ispmonsters.com](mailto:laurelshishkov@ispmonsters.com) Or Zoë [oddacity@tartannet.ns.ca](mailto:oddacity@tartannet.ns.ca)

### The Singers



#### —Anybody know these fellows?

'Twas a time before ipods, and all through the vales,  
Human **voices** were heard – singing down and up scales,

This small band of minstrels thru the village did roam  
At dusk, with the tides, you could hear them intone.  
Husky and happy; Clarion and clear  
They could capture your heart  
They could jerk a small tear,  
A salve for the soul; elixir to the ear

They didn't need microphones, amps or 'lectronics  
The mere twist of their smiles and their hearty harmonics  
Would conjure up all  
the most grand of symphonics.

Does anyone out there remember these gents?  
Let us know who they were – or their names will be...  
...went.....

Anyone know the names of this group of singers who would serenade our village? Please let us know. Thanks

**BREDS:** The Bear River Economic Development Society meets the first Wed. each month at 7:30. Farmers Market, Trading Post Bldg. All welcome!

**Bear River and Area Clinic:** Board meets first Tuesday each month at 7:00. New Members needed.

**Bear River Fire Hall Breakfast:** The next breakfast will be Sat. Dec. 6, 7 –10 a.m.

**Amnesty International** 1st Tues. each month in the United Church Vestry, 7pm-8pm.

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

**Legion Ladies' Aux:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. each month in Aux room at Legion at 7:30

**Bear River Board of Trade meetings:-** 3rd Monday each month, 7:30 pm at the Fire Hall. All Welcome

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