



Phase 2 River Front Development Update

by River Front Development Committee

Over the past number of weeks the excavation and the earth work has been going on. The old bridge abutments have been removed. The driveway, parking area and the armour rock along the river has been completed. The concrete work including boat launch and floating dock supports should be completed by press time of this paper. Docks are expected to be in place for Summer 2020.

Roger MacLellan, a lifetime resident of River John, was a contractor responsible for constructing Phase 1, Bissell Park Deck and Docks. He was also the contractor designated to construct Phase 2 on the other side of the river. Roger was a hands on and part of the planning process working as a member of our committee over the past 3 years.

As a result of his untimely sickness and passing members of the River John Community Action Society made a motion to name the

new facility in his memory.

During removal of the old abutment in the river, the excavator removed thousands of bucketfuls of rock and debris. On one scoop a large sand stone was pulled from under the water with the name Roger on it. We believe that our friend is still overseeing the project.



Old Train Trussel Question

by Deborah Ross

Hi – I am hoping someone can help me with this question. This summer I crossed the river on the old railroad trestle, part of the Jitney Trail. At the far (eastern) end of the trail, there is a stone block, and on it is some carved graffiti reading “Jean [illegible] 1940.” Do you know anything about it? It would have been wartime, so is intriguing from that perspective alone. Below is an image I took:

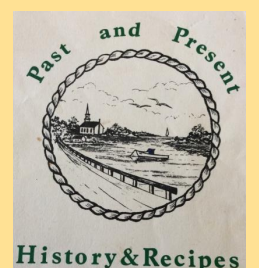


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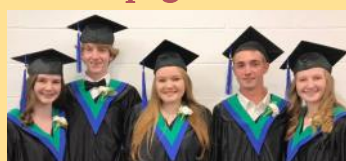
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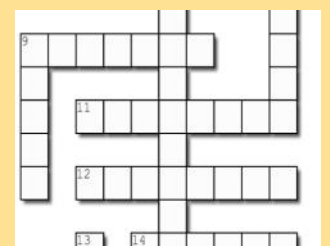
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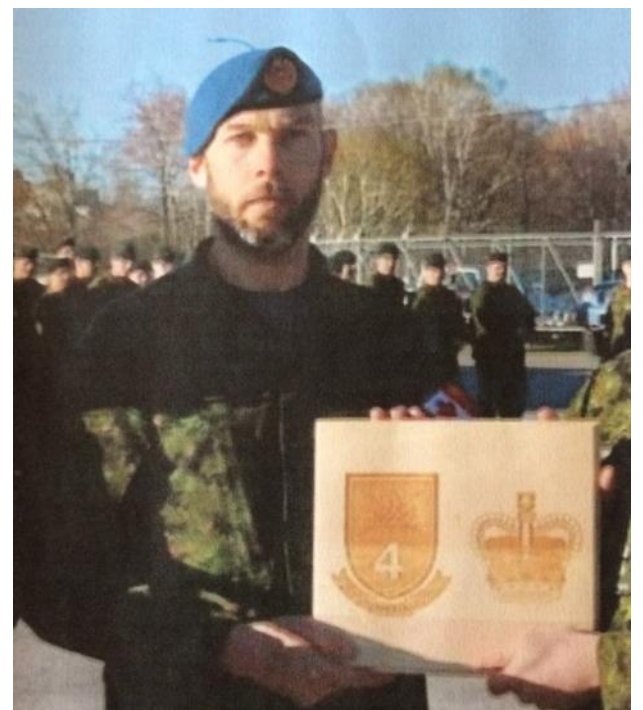
Warrant Officer Cory Brown

In summer of 2004 I had decided to join the reserves AEF Pictou, as a way to give back to the local community and country. I had originally joined as an EGS Tech (Electrical Generating Systems Technician) later remastering to ED (Electrician).

Throughout my time I had the opportunities to deploy on many national deployments from Arkansas ANG exchanges, Winter Olympics OP Podium in BC, Maple flag in Cold Lake Alberta, Maple RESolve in Wainwright Alberta and Op Nanook in Resolute Bay.

I have deployed to Afghanistan 2006, and again 2010. In 2013 I had switched to the regular forces and was posted to Det Wainwright as a contracts inspector in 2013. I had deployed to Mongolia in 2015, upon return I was posted to 4 ESR Gagetown and deployed as I hit the ground for a theater opening up Op UNIFIER Ukraine. Upon return I was then deployed to Op IMPACT. In 2017 deployed for theater opening in Latvia for OP REASSURANCE. Theater opening for an OP PRESENCE staging area in Burkina Faso. Most recently I have returned from deployment in Jamaica from the OSHLAC Hub providing much needed infrastructure upgrades, as the construction WO.

I have completed many career courses associated with my trade as well as multiple construction related courses. I have moved away from the technical aspect of my trade and am currently in the position of Infrastructure Rep for 4 ESR. In addition I am the current STA (senior trades advisor) for the electrical trade as a way of passing the torch to the next generation of electrical technicians.



Srgt Jessica Grant - niece of our editor Cheryl Frizzell

Sergeant Jessica Grant

by Cheryl Frizzell

At the age of 18 yrs. Sergeant Jessica Grant joined the Infantry Reserves out of Truro with the thoughts of being able to travel the world some day. "The CFA gave me a lot of opportunities that I would otherwise not have had". When she was 20 yrs. old she joined the Navy and at the age of 25 she remustered to Traffic Tech.

Sergeant Grant has been deployed three times - Op Athena (Afghanistan), Op Apollo (Afghanistan), and Op Hestia (Haiti).

Sergeant Jessica Grant is my niece and we are very proud of her and the person she has become today. She is not just a sergeant but a wife and a mum. Thanks Jessica and Justin



Jordon, Jackson and mummy Sgt. Jessica Grant and Sgt. Justin Grant

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 108

On August 20, 1946, River John Legion was granted its Charter and Wm. A. Baillie was its first president. The first meetings were held in the hotel (now the River John Rite-way), Geordie Forbes store upstairs, James Henry's house and the Orange Hall at Welsford.

Com. Wm. Conrade and Major Jollimore, World War I veterans, came out from town to form the legion. This meeting took place above Henry MacKenzie's store, now the N.S. Liquor Commission. The Legion Hall that stands today was built in 1954



Lord God of Hosts, Be with us yet,
Lest we forget, Lest we forget.

HONOUR ROLL First World War 1914-18

NAME	REMARKS
1. Capt. Victor C. Johnson	
2. Major J.R.M. Collie M.D.	
3. Capt. R.H. Sutherland M.D.	
4. Gunner Earl MacKenzie	4. Killed in Action
5. Pvt. Wm. Herbert	
6. Pvt. Robert Herbert	6. Wounded
7. Kenneth Herbert Gray	
8. Pvt. R. Daniel Dwyer	
9. Pvt. George Maxwell	
10. Pvt. H. Roy MacLeod	
11. Pvt. James D. Mattatall	
12. Pvt. Edward Langille	12. Died in Military Hospital Halifax, N.S.
13. Pvt. John S. Holmes	
14. Pvt. Jerry Colter	
15. Pvt. Stockley Sutherland	
16. Pvt. Calvin Baillie	
17. Pvt. Roy Lawson Langille	
18. Pvt. George Earl Hines	
19. Pvt. Lewis Heighton	
20. Pvt. Vaughn Sillers	
21. Pvt. Elmer Hatch	
22. Pvt. Harry Rogers	
23. Pvt. Wm. Angus Baillie	
24. Pvt. Sherman Thomson	
25. Miss Lorinda McAulay	
26. Pvt. Alex Murray	
27. Corp. George Murray	
28. Thomas Bigney	
29. Pte. John Mattatall	
30. Pte. Ernest Langille	
31. Pte. John Hatch	
32. Alex Heighton Jr. Pte.	
33. Pte. Austin McDonald	
34. Pte. Fred Holmes	
35. Pte. Blanch H. Rogers	
36. Pte. Wm. A. Gunn	
37. Pte. Ross Langille	
38. Pte. Percy McKenzie	
39. Pte. Daniel H. Sutherland	
40. Harold Constable	40. Killed in Action, Nov. 18/16
41. Pte. George Barnhill McKay	
42. Pte. James Siward Heighton	
43. Pte. Fred Langille	
44. Pte. John Graham	
45. Pte. Chas. MacDonald	
46. Pte. Rod MacDonald Langille	

47. Pte. Jas. C. MacCunn	
48. Pte. Howard Chambers	
49. Pte. Edward West Hiltz	
50. Pte. Harold Weston	
51. Pte. Roderick McCrae	
52. Pte. James Langille	
53. Pte. William L. Langille	53. Died in Hospital
54. Pte. Clyde G. Langille	
55. Jas. Russell Chisholm	

HONOUR ROLL
Second World War 1939-45

1. Sgt. A.J. Baillie	1. Accidentally Killed
2. F/O R.C. Baillie	2. Killed in Action
3. Sgt. J.D. Baillie	3. Died of Wounds
4. Pte. Russel Bigney	
5. RCN Nathan Bigney	
6. Sgt. Calvin Brown	
7. Pte. Ronald Barkhouse	
8. RCN Robert Chisholm	
9. Pte. James A. Chisholm	
10. RCN L.B. Dwyer	
11. Pte. Arthur Dwyer	
12. RCN Austin Dwyer	
13. Pte. Gordon Durham	13. Discharged
14. Pte. Vincent Heighton	
15. Pte. Lindsay Heighton	
16. Pte. Harry L. Holmes	
17. Pte. Charles Holmes	
18. Pte. James Henry	
19. Sgt. Louise Henry	
20. RCN Earl Holt	
21. Pte. Rod Hatch	21. Discharged
22. L.A.C. Orval Hayter	
23. Pte. Alexander Innis	
24. Pte. Daniel Innis	
25. Pte. Colin Jollimore	
26. Pte. Alexander Langille	
27. Pte. Charles E. Langille	
28. Pte. Gerald J. Langille	
29. Pte. Seldon Langille	
30. Sgt. Alden Langille	
31. Pte. Eldon Langille	31. Discharged
32. Pte. Arthur Langille	
33. Pte. Herbert Langille	
34. Pte. Boyd Langille	
35. Pte. Jerry Langille	35. Discharged
36. Pte. Raymond Langille	

37. Sgt. Max Langille	37. Wounded
38. Pte. Ansel Langille	
39. Pte. George Langille	
40. Cpl. S.J. Langille	40. Discharged
41. Pte. Elroy Langille	
42. Pte. Lawrence Langille	42. Killed in Action
43. Pte. Ansel W. Langille	
44. Sgt. Osburn Langille	44. Discharged
45. Pte. Percy Langille	45. Discharged
46. Pte. Alfred Langille	
47. Pte. Reginald Langille	47. Drowned in Italy
48. Pte. Mifflin McKay	
49. Sgt. George Murray	
50. Pte. Harry Murray	
51. Pte. Lloyd Moland	
52. Sgt. Alfred Murphy	
53. Sgt. Maj. Don MacDonald	
54. Pte. James MacDonald	
55. LAC Murray MacDonald	
56. RCN John Morrison	
57. Pte. Myron Mingo	
58. Pte. R.E. McLellan	
59. Pte. A.A. McLellan	
60. LAC Robert McLean	
61. Pte. L.G. Patriquin	61. Wounded
62. Pte. Leonard Patriquin	
63. Cpl. D. McKay Ross	
64. Pte. Glen Ross	
65. Pte. Lawson Ross	
66. Pte. J.M. Robinson	
67. LAC Lawrence Roberts	
68. Pte. Alexander Reid	
69. Pte. Scott Sellers	
70. Cpt. W.A. Seaman	70. Died of Wounds
71. Sgt. H.B. Sutherland	
72. Pte. John T. Sutherland	
73. Pte. Steward Thompson	
74. Pte. Lloyd Thompson	74. Discharged
75. P.O. Edward Tattrie	
76. LAC Earl Tattrie	
77. Pte. Harold Tattrie	
78. Cpl. Percy Weston	
79. Lt. Jennie Watt	
80. Pte. Warren Watt	
81. Pte. Phillip Watt	
82. Pte. Harold Wilson	
83. RCN Alton Wilson	
84. Pte. Roy Wilson	
85. Pte. Roland Zinck	
86. RCN John Murray	
87. Pte. Charles Munro	
88. Pte. Douglas Munro	
89. Pte. Robert Mitchel	

In Memory of Rev. William Alfred Seaman

by Beulah Jane Wright

As Remembrance Day draws near, the congregation of Salem United Church, may remember one of their minister's ultimate sacrifice to the effort in World War II.

William Alfred Seaman was born on a farm in Springfield, Prince Edward Island, the youngest of four children born to William James Seaman and Sophia Elizabeth Brown. He grew up doing farm chores, and when it was time to choose a career, he answered a call to the ministry and began his studies in Nova Scotia.

In 1936, he was a student pastor in the United Church in Rawdon, Hants Co. and on the 21st of July he married Louise Vandeeyn Truman, a 31 year old teacher residing in Truro. Louise was born in USA but her parents were John and Clara Truman from New Brunswick. The wedding took place at 9 College Road in Truro and was performed by Rev. Clarence MacKinnon, of Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Halifax.

Shortly after, he accepted a call to Salem United in River John, and they moved into the manse, as he began his ministry at Salem. Unfortunately the world was in turmoil at that time as World War II began. In Aug 2, 1940, Rev. Seaman answered another call and enlisted in Pictou, and entered the Canadian Chaplain Service.

An army chaplain was in a unique position in the military. Chaplains received no training in gunfire and were not allowed to carry a gun, even for self defence. Their mission was to minister to the troops and make every effort to administer comfort and spiritual guidance, to wounded and dying comrades.

On July 21, 1944, the anniversary of his wedding day, Captain Seaman was on the battlefield in France and volunteered to help the weary paramedics with the wounded soldiers, when he was struck by flying shrapnel and died of his own wounds.

Captain Seaman is buried in Beny-Sur-Mer, a Canadian War Cemetery, on the seacoast of France, among other casualties of the battle.

On November eleventh we will remember their sacrifice.

A Remembrance with a Proud Canadian



My Dad, Lance Corporal Curtis King Faulkner, a veteran of the Korean war.



Braden in front of the Korea monument with Dad's name on it.



Animals that help during battle



Lt. Col. Robert Hiram Sutherland, MD



by Cheryl Frizzell

Last November's Remembrance Day we decided to accompany my dad and attend the Remembrance Day service in Bass River. It was a miserable day as are most Remembrance Days but that just makes things more in perspective of what the soldiers must have gone thru.

The park is a spectacular tribute to the Soldiers and Creatures of all the wars. War memorabilia is placed along the pathways and music plays in the back ground. Monuments are placed throughout the park and the Canadian and Nova Scotia Flags fly high and proud.

As the service started the crowd began to gather closer together, as to show support to each other. The silence was surreal, even my 7 year old grandson whose is never still, never moved or spoke. This part of the service seems to bring out the memories as you can hear and see on the faces of those there. The mental pain and suffering on the veterans faces lets me know they have been thru hell and back.

After the service we were invited to go to the hall just up the street for a lite lunch and social. Sitting there with my Dad, I don't think I have ever been so proud of him and all the others who helped in keeping our country a free and safe place to live.

A few Years back I had the opportunity to visit Vimy Ridge in France. I did the soldiers walk there (along with other things). As we were led down a brown gravel path towards dugouts, we were told to stop, close our eyes and listen. After a few seconds I could feel people walking by me and hear the scuff of gravel from the boots. Now I am not sure of what caused that but I have my own thoughts.

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My Dad, Bill Baillie

by Anne Baillie Patriquin

This is my Dad. He was a WWII veteran with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders. He enlisted June 14th, 1940 in Amherst, N.S. his Theatres of Service were Canada, Britain, and Northwest Europe. He was a Regimental Sergeant WOR1. He was awarded Honorary Citizenship of Authie France and founded The Children of Authie Fund which began over 40 years ago, in memory of fallen comrades during the Second World War. I only seen him as my Dad, but others seen him as a man that was very well respected and told stories of him when they served with him during WW11. I remembered hearing these stories and I asked myself many times, are they talking about my dad. Who was this man? I had to find out so I started asking questions and discovered this man (my father) was their Hero.

I went to Authie (In France) along with some family members to this little village my father went to many times because I needed to know more about my dad and felt this would be a good place to get some answers to questions I had because my father had passed away in 2002 and he took with him the answers to these questions.

When we arrived in the village of Authie the people that lived there opened their homes and their hearts to welcome us like they knew us all their lives. I will never forget that moment and I thought to myself I wonder if they think we are part of the Royal Family for it sure felt like it. They knew exactly who we were we were Bill Baillie's Family. WOW was all I could say.

We went to the garden at the ABBAYE D'ARDENNES in homage to the Canadian Soldiers that were assassinated there by fanatical soldiers without conscience from a totalitarian nation. Nazi Germany which had become a military super power that lived by propaganda, force, brutality and intolerance. Allot of the men murdered here were part of the north Nova Scotia Highlanders. This is



part of the reason why my dad kept returning to Authie. Also my dad made many friends in Authie over the years. One man he met was very special and his name was Jacque Vico who was the President of the Volunteer Resistance Fighters and Vice-President of the National Confederation.

Mr. Vico and his family were owners of the Abbey and were working for the French resistance during WWII. This family discovered the men that were murdered in the Abbey after the war. I was told so many stories about my dad for Mr. Vico. He told me one that has stayed in my mind to this day. It was the story of my dad delivering a baby in a barn while the fighting was taking place outside and years later my dad got to meet the baby he delivered on one of the special visits he made to Authie and he seen the baby had grown up to be a beautiful young lady.

The next day we visited the school where my dad sent the funds collected every year from the account called the Children of Authie Fund. While we were there they told us they renamed their school. When they unveiled the name we were all in shock and could not believe our eyes. The schools new name was THE ECOLE OF BILL BAILLIE.

Right there and then I said yes "That's My Dad" how very proud I was to be his daughter.

Margaret Langille, our Silver Cross Mother

by Anne Patriquin (Baillie)

Private Lawrence Alvin Langille was her sons name. He served with the Scottish Essex Regiment. Private Langille was not yet 20 years of age when he lost his life serving his country. He had only been over seas for five weeks when he was killed in action in France on August 16th 1944. His mother Margaret Langille never forgot the day when her son said he would not be back as he got on the boat to leave for Europe. I can not imagine what his mother was thinking as she was trying to hold back the tears so her son would not see her crying.

Margaret received the news of her sons death on a Saturday when she seen a station agent drive into her yard. The agent approached the door where she was standing (she was wondering what he was there for) . He told her he had bad news, she looked at him and said "My son has been wounded" no the agent said your son has been "Killed". What a shock that must have been for a mother to hear! All she had left of her son are memories and a portrait of her son in his uniform hanging on the living room on the wall.

A short while after her sons death she received a small silver plaque with her sons name on the back along with her sons medals. She also received a SILVER CROSS bearing her sons name on the back.

Each year on Remembrance Day Margaret laid a wreath at the River John Monument. Not only for her son but for all those who lost their lives while serving their country.

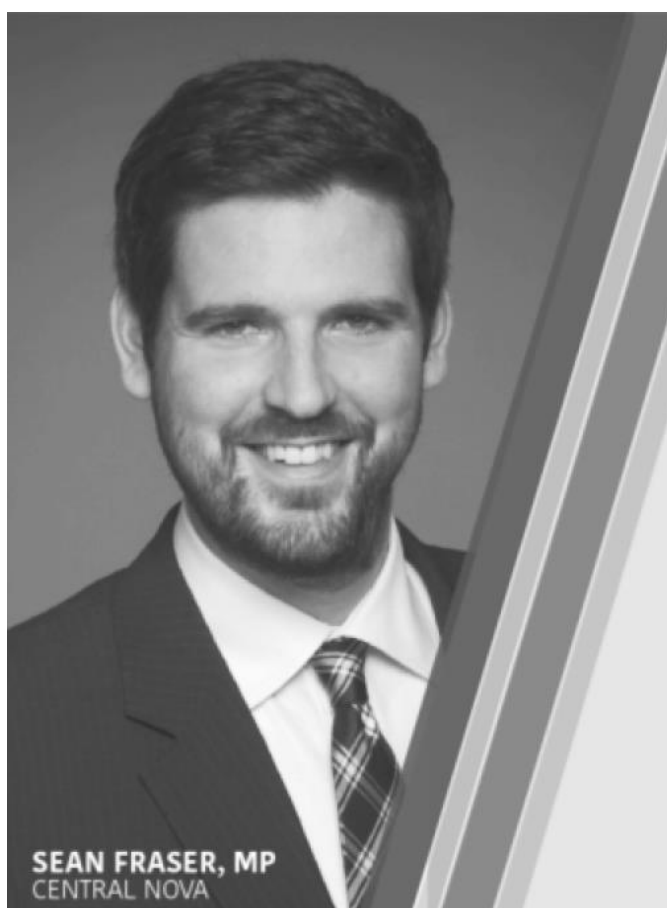
There were many veterans from our small village that never returned home, never had a chance to experience having a family of their own, so please this Remembrance Day think of all those who paid the supreme sacrifice so we could have what we have today "OUR FREEDOM".

Thank you from all of us to all those who served their country.



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My Hero My Dad

by Cheryl Frizzell

I find that as I get older Remembrance Day is usually serious thoughts and emotions. What family members gave to make life better for us. I know quite a bit about my husband's military family members but very little of my own, so I decided to talk to my dad about his experiences.

My father is a Korean Veteran and as a child I can't remember him talking about the war. There was a large trunk upstairs in our home with his personal military stuff but we stayed clear of it.

My father in his late teens joined the army looking for something to do and adventure. Truro was quite bleak and he was working at the Maritime Home for Girls in Truro. His best friends had just joined and were in the School of Engineering in British Columbia. His friend Leon Mingo was there and told him of all the fun they were having there and that he should join with them. So he did. It was a Special Force at that time and not something a lot of people heard of. When I asked him what he may have felt going to war, he said "it was like going for a drive, no thoughts about what was really happening". He was outfitted with everything he needed from a housemaid (sewing kit) to toothbrush toothpaste and your uniforms. He made \$109. per month plus he received Cigarettes, chocolate bars, gum etc. To me that didn't seem like much but his response was it was plenty since he only had to look after himself.

After being in the army for 6 months they sent him to Korea (1951) and he stayed there 1 year. His position was Lance Corporal Curtis King Faulkner (CK to his friends) and he was a soldier of the 23rd Field Squadron.

With a grin he says "you know I survived a monsoon, it rained for 90 days. I wore a khaki grey sweater the whole time. Never took it off".

He was trained at how to do everything from building roads, bridges, putting in culverts, to laying mines. He was an engineer. They used to blast and blow holes in the ground to make level ground so the roads could make corners and hug the banks of the mountains. "We didn't want to get out in the open to much". A lot of the places had Korean civilian graveyards that you didn't want to go through but you had to anyway. At night he laid mines, he became accustomed to working in the dark, most of his work was done in the dark. Every so often someone would trigger a flare by mistake, it would light up the country side. Then you would hit the ground and try to become part of it.

He described the terrain as mountains, hills and rocky, burnt off by napalm. All he could smell was human waste everything stunk. He said the rice patties had a really bad smell.

In a quiet voice he says "Things bother you but you just get ruff and hardened and go on".

After being sick for 18 days at sea he landed along with 11 other soldiers in Seattle, USA. ,

then on to Truro, Nova Scotia by train. When they crossed the International Dateline they had a big celebration and they were given cards telling about the crossing (he still has his).

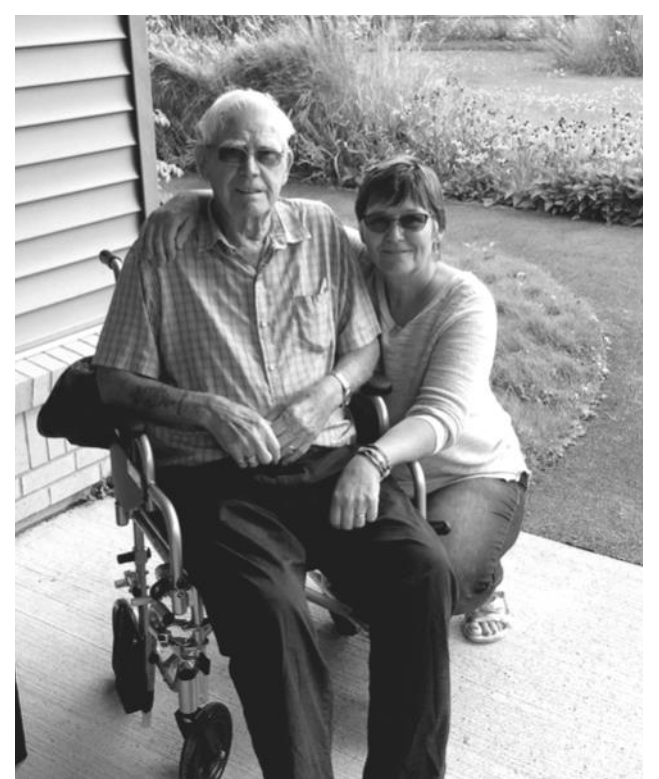
" You could tell stories the rest of your life, different stories, if you wanted to. As you get older you relive it more because you have more time to think about it. Everything comes back to you. You think about that and you never think about the times you were growing up because it was more exciting I guess"

"Military teaches you everything, you go in stupid and come out half smart" he chuckles

The thing that bothers him most now is he "felt like a paid killer for the government, no one thinks of that".

Today my father still will stand up for what he believes in. He has taken government and politicians to task in defense of the Korean Vets and there have been articles written on him. As I sit and listen to him I can hear the emotion in his voice and watch how he rubs his hands over his face. He speaks of friends lost, sitting with his back against another man's all night for protection and a little dog that he lugged around. Some of his stories were sad, some were funny. But they are a big part of his life now.

He has medals, pins and other memorabilia but he doesn't display them. Why, I never ask, its his story to tell. I am very Proud of you Dad.



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Pioneer youth

Cape John Fairies

by Sandra-Lee

This story begins “Once upon a time” because that’s how these stories begin.

Long ago in faraway Galway, Ireland, lived a young lady named Elizabeth Cole, who at the age of eighteen years came to Canada and with her she brought fairies.

Now, something you should know. Not all fairies are nice! Some fairies are warriors, some are healers, and some are just plain grumpy. Some fairies live in gardens, some near water. You will find them in hot sunny spots and in the tops of shady trees where they can keep an eye on the weather. So in the year 1917 when Elizabeth Cole journeyed to Canada she vowed that her fairy friends would have all the elements they need to live as close to happily ever after as they could. For this journey they quietly and quickly tucked themselves into her baggage, into her shoes, under the hair in her hair brush, in her pockets and behind the flowers on her hat. The journey was long on the boat from Galway Ireland but the fairies made sure the waves stayed calm and the sky stayed clear. The water fairies made certain that the ship stayed on course by the light of the sun, moon and stars. The tree top fairies watched for storms that tried to sneak by the sunshine fairies and the garden fairies made sure there was enough to eat until they reached their new home.

The ocean crossing went smooth as glass. The Northumberland Strait was beautiful and very peaceful so, that, when in August 1917 their ship came to rest where the Northumberland Strait and the River John meet they made their new home. This place is known as Cape John. Once landed, Elizabeth and the fairies set out making and placing fairy doors. Now these doors aren’t just plain old doors you get from a building supplier. These are magic doors. Magic doors are made from sticks and stones, shells and beads, broken jewelry, and held together with honey, magic and glue. Some are decorated to reflect the profession of the fairy that lives there. For example a medicine fairy would hang herbs, a warrior fairy a bow and arrow and a grumpy fairy would hang a sign that says “UNWELCOME.” It all gets put together and the magic words “céad míle fáilte” which is Gaelic for “one hundred thousand welcomes” gets said to activate the magic. Elizabeth and the fairies placed their doors at the base of trees and fences, in hot sunny spots, and at the edge of the water in the rocks and pieces of driftwood. The warrior fairies like to be near the road to help stand guard. The healing fairies around gardens, the nighttime fairies like to live near the edge of daytime and the daytime fairies live right under your nose.

One morning as daylight made its appearance over the tip of Cape John where the seals



play, Elizabeth walked the beach as she did every morning to check on her friends. As she approached the spot where the first door had been opened she saw that it wasn’t there. She sang the song that she always sang to her fairy friends to let them know that this was her approaching, but no door appeared. She sat on her favourite rock which overlooks the spot where the strait meets the river, and waited. The first to appear were the warrior fairies, and once the coast was clear the other fairies appeared. The bardic fairies told Elizabeth about the mischievous pixies who came in the night and tried to steal all the shiny decorations from their doors and how the warrior fairies had to summon help from their friends the dragonflies and selkies to scare them off. The fairies met just before daybreak to hide their doors and to cast a spell stating only those who mean them no harm will be able to find them. The spell went like this:

“Hide, hide, hide my door,
Until the time harm comes no more”.

Sadly Elizabeth nodded her head in understanding. Her love for her friends and her first rule in anything is to be safe. The fairy doors have remained hidden on Cape John to this very day. Only those who truly believe and who are gentle of heart can see these doors.

How do I know about the Cape John fairies? Elizabeth Cole was my great grandmother, and she taught me all about them.

Sandra-Lee lives in her own little magical world in Pictou County. She will be arranging a tour to the sites of the fairy doors seen and unseen in the near future. For more information watch the village Facebook page, “River John, Nova Scotia”.

Chloes Jokes

Knock Knock
Who's there
Chimp!
Chimp who?
A chimp off the old block

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Marry!
Marry who?
Will you marry me?

Knock knock
Who's there?
Honey comb
Honey comb who?
Honey comb yo hair

Knock knock
Who's there?
Aunt Jemima
Aunt Jemima who?
I'm glad I ain't Joe Mamma



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River John 4-H

by **Margaret Cripps**

Any time of the year is busy in 4-H it seems but especially summer and fall. Summer contains Fall we go through exhibition, provincial show and then into the new year. We are extremely proud of each and every one of our members as they work very hard on their projects to complete for Achievement Day and then to compete against other members of the county at the exhibition. Thank you to each and every one of you who come out and support us at different events.

Giving Back

On May 11, the Lions Club oversaw the community cleanup. We were happy that some of our members and their families were able to help participate in this. Our annual fall cleanup hopefully will be done in good weather with hot chocolate and cookies to warm everyone up.

On June 2, the club provided a luncheon to the congregation of St. George's as thank you for allowing the use of their hall throughout the year for various meetings. The members were happy to provide lots of food and a good time was had by all.

Achievement Day

Achievement Day is the event that all members must complete their projects in order to be eligible for exhibition. There are three components that the members are evaluated on outside of their project work. This includes communication, club contribution and judging. Doing all three awards-gold, two- silver and one-green. The members are highly encouraged to complete all three. Benefits can include but are not limited to the following for each. Communication can give confidence in speaking in public or to those they don't know. Club contribution holds them to accountability and giving back to their community. Judging allows them to evaluate fairly and understand what they are looking at.

On July 17, Kenda Grant graciously opened up her barn to allow all the livestock to be shown in the arena. It made for a great morning which included a few spectators even in the stands. The animals shown include mini horse, light horse, beef, dairy, sheep, goat, poultry, waterfowl and rabbit.

Festival Days

As always, Festival Days is very busy with members taking part in multiple events. Our annual breakfast wasn't damped by the bad weather as we were fortunate to move to St. George's for the morning. It took a lot of quick planning and organization to pull it off but it was a success. Huge thank you to Christine Heighton, Sterling Heighton and Shar MacLean for making it happen.

Pictou County 4-H held a breakfast on the Wednesday which was overseen by Shar who did an outstanding job bringing all 8 clubs together to ensure a smooth morning with a new menu. Thank you to all those that came and supported the county as the money collected went towards the new Legacy Building.

The parade float this year was spear headed by Melanie Cote who we are very happy to have as she a very creative mind. The float looked great and we had a wonderful ray of sunshine leading the way as we sprayed people with water guns to help them cool down.

Exhibition

Our members did a fantastic job. This only highlights the members who have projects moving onto Provincial Show but we have more that also did well placing in their various classes. It is only the top two members from each project that are able to move on. The following are those that have earned the right to compete at Provincial Show:

Madison Baillie: Beef judge, dairy judge, craft item, dairy conformation, beef conformation

Sidney Baillie: Photography judge, sheep showmanship, sheep conformation, dairy conformation

Jolie Bezanson: Light horse judge

Kholey Bezanson: Mini horse judge, waterfowl conformation, mini horse driving, mini horse barrels, cake decorating competition

Connor Langille: poultry judge, computer judge, computer item

Nick Dykstra: Dairy showmanship, waterfowl conformation, dairy conformation

Ryan Dykstra: Dairy conformation

Kaitlyn Heighton: Scrapbooking item

Lyla Cote: Goat conformation

Gracien Murray: Dairy conformation

Elizabeth Heighton: Beef conformation

Administration

After 7 years, I have decided to step down this year as co-general leader. Life has become very busy with three toddlers 3 and under and I would like a little break after 20 years being with the program. I look forward to staying on as a volunteer and helping out as I can. Christine will continue to lead the club with support from all of the great parents and leaders. I would like to thank her for the amazing job as she takes a lot of the responsibility and attends many meetings at the county level. I look forward to working with her again in the future.

General meetings will take place at St. George's Church Hall the first Sunday each month at 2:30pm. For more information on joining or volunteering, please contact Christine at 351-2061 or heighton@bellaliant.net



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Patsy's Corner

by Patsy Murray Chapman

What a crazy summer we have had weather wise!!! It's still warm but the chill is in the air for sure, nights are cooler and we have had frost. So that means fall is here and it's time to start winter preparation for your plants. There is still time for flowers, fall bloomers like mums, pansies and flowering cabbage/kale looks great right up till freeze or snow. Pop a few in your containers or window boxes or set a pot on your deck, lots of color for weeks to come. What a storm Dorian turned out to be, lots of broken trees, driving through River John, the damage was incredible. Other than power loss, we had no damage, greenhouses withstood the winds like a charm. So now what do you do with your shrubs and tree with broken branches? Prune off as necessary, clean up as best you can, but no more than needed, not the greatest time to prune, but do what you need to do till spring. Any evergreens or broadleaf evergreens will need to be watered up till freeze up, they depend on the water in their needles and leaves throughout winter when not able to take up water from frozen ground. Deciduous trees and shrubs need water up till freeze up as well. Now is the time to look at your perennial beds and see where color is needed, check out your local garden centers and see what is in bloom now give you late color, there is a few late blooming perennials that provide that pop, as well as interesting foliage. I used to cut my perennials back in the fall, but mostly because I had more time than in the spring, but have changed to spring cut back, the foliage gives the good bugs somewhere to over winter, as well as birds like to eat flower seed heads, giving nature some help is a great thing. One thing that is a good thing to do in fall is planting, this is my favorite time to divide and replant, no bugs and no humidity!! This is a great way to add to existing bed or start a new one, gives all plants plenty of time to grow and settle their roots before winter. Bulbs, fall is digging annuals like glads and dahlias for winter storage or to plant spring blooming bulbs like tulips and daffodils. Give your soil some compost when planting to feed that bulb for great spring bloom. Enjoy your time in your gardens and don't forget to stretch!

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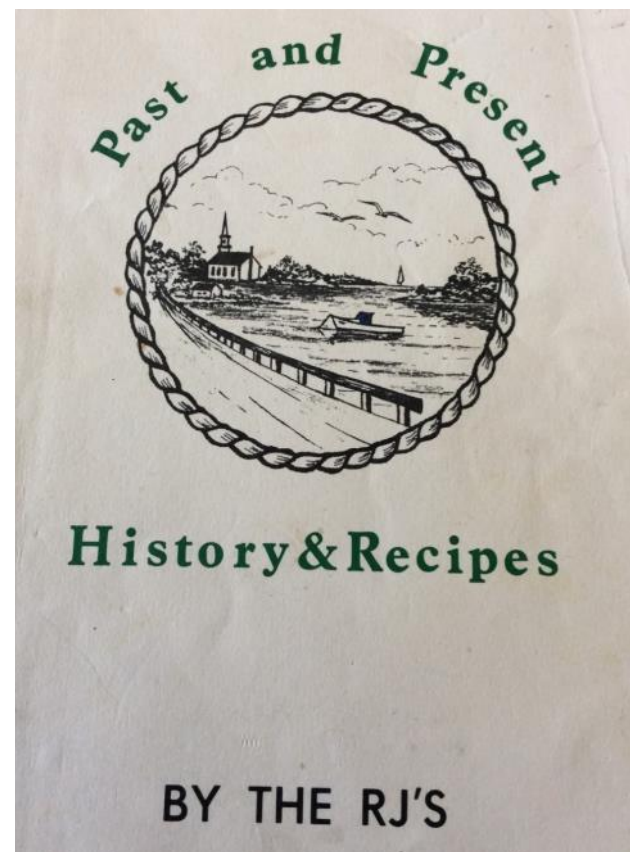
Homemade Baked Beans

by Cheryl Frizzell

I was given a copy of an old cook book from a friend and every so often I find myself reading thru it. It was put together by the River John Ladies Group (not sure of the year) and has history articles as well as recipes. I will on the occasion share something from it and that's where this recipe comes from. Anyone knowing these lovely ladies knows they are great cooks. The RJ's as they are known in the village would and still on occasion put on suppers for different events. This one caught my interest since homemade baked beans are one of my favorite meals and my granddaughter Brianna always claimed that all princesses love beans. So I am sharing this with you in the hopes you might try it. I am not sure of whose recipe it is, since no name was listed.

Baked Beans
2 cups small white beans
1 cup maple syrup
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 tsp. dry mustard
1/4 cup butter
1/3 cup brown sugar
1/4 lb. salt pork

Wash beans and soak overnight in cold water to cover. Drain. Cover with fresh cold water and simmer uncovered until beans begin to burst. Drain and place in bean pot. Reserve the cooking liquid.



Combine salt, mustard, sugar, maple syrup and pepper and pour over beans. Fill the bean pot with water until liquid just comes to the top of the beans. Stir lightly, bury the pork in the beans and lay butter on top.

Cover and bake slowly in 250-275°F adding a small amount of boiling water if necessary to bring water to top of the beans. Remove cover during last hour of baking.

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River John C@P Society seeks members and community input

By Wilma van der Veen & Derek Andrews

The River John C@P Society works closely with the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library to enhance the facilities at the River John library and is currently seeking input from members of the community.

Occasionally funds become available for technological enhancements, acquisitions or projects for @NS library sites such as the River John library. Consider "technology" in very broad terms, e.g. it could mean very technical things, but also training or projects in the arts and culture realm. Is there anything you wish the RJ library had to meet your needs, or a project that would enhance our community?

We are also seeking new members for our society. If you have an interest in the library and/or in technology whether you have knowledge/know-how or not, and you can commit a few hours to attend a meeting usually every quarter, or you simply want to

give back a little to your community, get in touch with us.

We are already evaluating a few ideas: Podcasting is not something we have tried before, so ideas we are considering include workshops on how to create a podcast, a podcast competition, a regular village podcast, and oral histories. We are also looking at getting some software for creating comic strips which might appeal to our youth.

To give you a better idea of the sorts of things we might consider, here are examples of some the things we have brought to River John over the past two decades.

Some of the **projects** that the C@P Society has instigated include:

- River John website, riverjohn.com
- River John Facebook group, facebook.com/groups/RiverJohn/
- The Wooden Ships of River John parl.ns.ca/woodenships/
- The American Lobster parl.ns.ca/lobster/

- Lobster Fishing on the Susan B parl.ns.ca/projects/susan-b.htm
- Helped bringing fixed-link wireless internet to River John
- The River John CD-ROM, Come to Visit, Come to Stay
- The Pictou County Cemeteries Collection, novastory.ca/cdm/search/collection/piccems

The following **equipment** is available for use at the River John library by the community and visitors:

- Desktop computers, PC & Apple
- High speed Wi-Fi hotspot
- Printers
- Scanners
- Turntable to convert your vinyl records into digital files
- Laminating equipment
- Lego Robotics and Power Functions
- Button making equipment
- 3D printer (currently a replacement is being tested)
- LED projector
- GPS unit, digital camera, laptop... for loan
- Digital media converter for converting VHS and Cassettes to digital format
- Silhouette machine
- Coil binder for binding books
- DVD player, speakers, and mobile screen.

If you have any ideas or want to join our society, please contact Derek Andrews, C@P Society chair, at derek.a@outlook.com



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Elizabeth Heighton receiving her trophy as Champion Beef Competitor at 2019 East Gen



The band River Run played at the Canada Day celebrations held at the River John Legion.

Pioneer photos



Congratulations to this amazing group of Grads from River John, who graduated from Tatamagouche Regional Academy in June 2019. Left to right are: Demetria O'Brien, Parker Keatly, Elizabeth Heighton, Ryan Bezanson and Kaitlyn Heighton. Best of Luck in all your future adventures.



Congratulations Kaitlyn Heighton on receiving Grand Champion Sr. Scrapbooking article at the Pictou North Colchester Exhibition, representing Pictou County 4-H at the NS 4-H Provincial Show in Truro on Sept 27th.



Congratulations to Elizabeth Heighton on being picked as a member of the Nova Scotia Royal Beef Team at the NS 4-H Provincial Show in Truro on Sept 28th. Elizabeth and her calf Dandy will be heading to Toronto to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair on October 29, 2019 to represent Nova Scotia.



Congratulations to Patrick Heighton for graduating with honors from the 2 year Machining course at NSCC-Pictou Campus. Also for competing at the Nova Scotia Skills competition and becoming a member of the Nova Scotia team that competed in May at the National level

Happy 35th



Happy 35th Anniversary to our parents David & Mary Beth Sutherland. Thank you for the examples you have set and the love you continue to give.
Love Margaret, Sandy & Emily.

Langille engagement



Cynthia and Kenny Langille are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Sarah-Dawn to Dustin, son of Tammy and Jimmy Langille of Tatamagouche. Wedding to take place June 20, 2020 at the River John Legion.



A busy summer for Elizabeth Heighton receiving Champion Beef Competitor at 2019 East Gen in Truro and Reserve Champion at the Interbreed Show in Berwick, NS

Pioneer summer



River John sunsets



The Cripps family enjoying strawberry picking



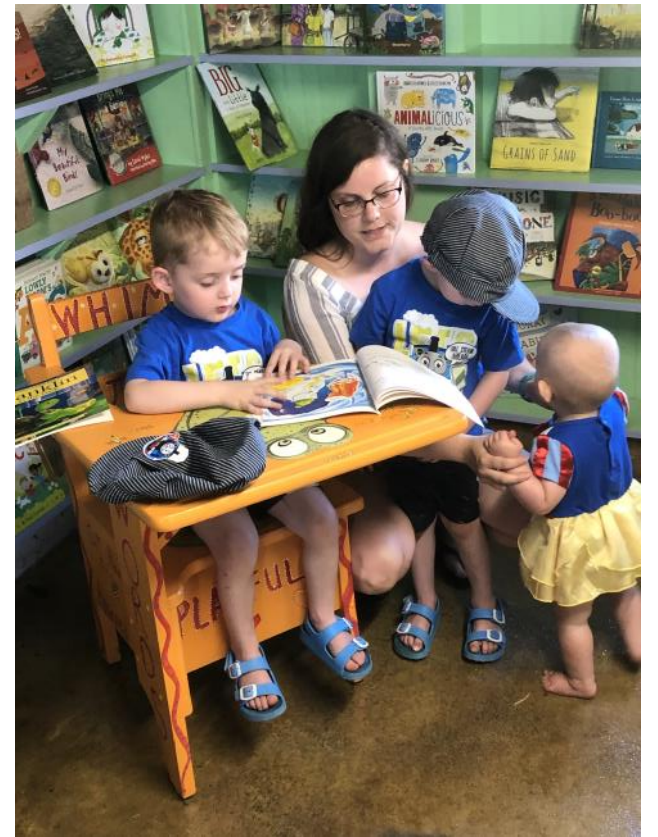
Family fun at the beach



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Read By The Sea Word Play at Mable Murple's Book Shoppe and Dreamery



Auntie Chelsey Joudrie reading at Mable Murple's to William, George & Isabel



River John and District Lions Club Chicken BBQ



A Job Well Done

by Cheryl Frizzell

A group of local men have been working diligently on two projects in the village of River John. The first project being the Bissell Park Docks, after seeing that project thru they began working on

another project this spring. The cleaning up of the waters edge across from the Bissell Park and developing docks and a slipway there. This group of men took on quite a challenge. Next summer as you travel thru the village of River

John, visitors and locals can stop and have a picnic, put a small boat in the water, or just sit back and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. As a River Johner I would like to say Thanks Guys for a job well done.



The Waterfront Committee:
Mike George, Mike Topley, Dave Cochrane, Bruce Frizzell



This concrete slab will be moved to form the slipway into the water.

River John and District Lions Club Update

by Cheryl Frizzell

The River and John and District Lions Club has had a very busy summer. The Lions have installed playground equipment in the Lions Park which has been enjoyed by all ages. The Lions partnered up with the River John Action Society and a washroom was placed in Bissell Park for public use. In July their annual Chicken BBQ was another great success with great food, entertainment and a chance to socialize with an old or new friends. During River John Festival Days the Lions prepared and served a Pancake and sausage breakfast to the community and friends. August found the River John and District Lions Club hosting an ice cream social with the help of the Pictou and Stellarton Lions Clubs at the Sutherland Harris Memorial Hospital. Where Veterans and patients were served Strawberry sundaes and entertained by Lion Donald Duggan.

The River John and District Lions Club is currently preparing a Christmas Wagon Ride.



In August the Lions Clubs of River John and District, Pictou and Stellarton entertained and served strawberry sundaes to the Veterans at the Sutherland Harris Memorial Hospital.

This will be the second year for this event, which was a success last year. Ticket holders enjoy a Christmas wagon ride thru the village of River John and back to the Lions Club house to be served a bowl of delicious Chili and hot chocolate. Please come out and show your support.

This spring the River John and District Lions Club will be having our 50th Charter Anniversary, would anyone with any pictures of previous years involving the River John and District Lions Club please contact Committee Chairman Don Redmond.

A Proud Lion

by Cheryl Frizzell

When I first met Lion Burns Elliott he was the secretary for the River John & District Lions Club and I was a perspective member. As I got to know him I realized that he takes being a member of the River John & District Lions Club and the Lions Code of Ethics very serious.

In 1993 a River John & District Lions member (Jack Falconer) invited Lion Burns to a meeting. After that Lion Burns could see all the good being done by the Lions Club in the community and he wanted to be part of that club. Today, 26 years later he is still a member of the River John & District Lions Club and continues to guide new members in the Lions Club.

Lion Burns has been King Lion 4 times and served as Secretary numerous times. He has also served on many committees through the years. Some of which are Chairman of Chicken BBQ, Co-Chair of the Pancake Breakfast and still serving as Calendar Chairman, Visitation Chairman, Building Committee, Bottle Drives and Bingo committees. His lions vest shows many years of involvement in lions activities and events.



Lion Wallace Sutherland and Lion Burns Elliott

River John Lions Club welcomes new members



Induction of Donald Duggan



Induction of John McKim



King Lion William Elliott accepts a cheque from Lion Ann Patriquin on behalf of the bank of Nova Scotia.



River John and District Lions Chicken BBQ was a great success again this year. A big thank you to all who supported this event



King Lion Bruce of River John and District Lions and King Lion Rod of Stellarton Lions

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Happy 80th



Happy 80th Birthday Rennie MacLellan from your friends and family.

Car Show thanks

The Car Show Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the 2019 Annual River John Festival Days Car Show. The Annual Car Show was a success, due to a great team of volunteers. Thank you to the participants who registered their cars, trucks and motorcycles.

Numerous businesses donated prizes, which were awarded to the participants, during the Car Show.

Thank you to Leonard, Shelley and Nick Bigney, who agreed to the use of the parking lot of the former RJCS. We appreciate their cooperation and generosity!

Thankyou, from the Heritage Museum

The Heritage Museum is now closed for the season, after yet another successful and enjoyable year. At this time, we, the River John and Area Historical Society, would like to express our sincere thanks to all the people of the area who have donated or loaned your artifacts for our display. Every item is an important part of the history of River John and area, and every item, large or small, tells part of the story. Without your trust and generosity we wouldn't have the interesting treasures that we proudly display, and that may help visitors with research questions on history or genealogy. We also appreciate the support of various groups who have contributed to our effort, either financially or otherwise. With some needed repairs and additions which will protect and enhance our holdings, we hope to continue our goal of preserving and sharing the heritage of River John.

Comfort Centre

During Hurricane Dorian the River John Legion was opened for 3 days from 9am to 7pm. The centre saw a number of people come in and use the facility for water, charge phones/tablets, cook food, have a coffee or just to chat.

A big thank you to all the Legion Members who worked thru the hurricane to help out.

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Roger MacLellan wish to send a huge heartfelt and sincere thank you to friends, family and community for their generous donations and support to the benefit which was held in May. Also, thank you for the many kind gestures and condolences during this difficult time, and for the many donations that have been made in his memory to the River John Waterfront Development Project.



St. John the Baptist Anglican Church. Typical Anglican Gothic Architecture built in 1879. The original church and many records had been destroyed by fire. The inside has open rafters and 19th Century stained glass windows.



Church of Christ - Congregation founded under James Murray in 1824. The Church is Greek Revival styling, built in 1856 and deeded to the trustees of the Congregation of Disciples of Christ by John McKinley in 1872. The vestibule is a later addition.

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Did you know?

by Derek Andrews

Everyone is familiar with the red Remembrance Poppy. It is worn on clothing leading up to Armistice Day in Canada, UK, USA, Australia and New Zealand. But in France they use the blue cornflower as their symbol of remembrance, and wear it twice a year, in November for the end of World War I, and on 8 May for VE Day, the end of World War II.

St. George's Presbyterian Fall News

Welcome to River John Rev. Enjei and Edith!!

Enjei Achah was born in Victoria (now called Limbe), Cameroon in a Christian home and has several siblings of which two sisters live in Canada. She has a lovely 17 year old daughter Edith, who is full of love and has recently moved from Cameroon to Canada to be with her mom. They are moving to "The Manse" on September 29th, 2019.

Rev. Enjei has always felt called to serve God, so after many years of prayerful consideration, obtained her B.Th. studies in Belfast, Ireland. She then proceeded to Quebec where she completed her M.Div. studies at the Presbyterian College in Montreal.

Congratulations to the newly ordained Reverend Enjei Achah!

Rev. Enjei Achah's Ministry Statement is "My greatest desire and passion is to tell people about the love of Jesus Christ and to care for others especially those who cannot return that favor. My greatest desire is to be a servant-leader who leads by service through the great example of our Lord Jesus Christ and also to see lives being transformed." She loves working with people of all ages and has much experience working with children, youth, seniors and people with disabilities.

We are so blessed and excited to have you and Edith become part of our little community. Living here is not like living in the towns/cities you are used to but we welcome your enthusiasm and love for God and pray that we will grow in faith with your leadership.

Saying Good Bye

Rev. Gail Murdock has been with us at St. George's for nearly two years. She has been a God send to lead us in worship and pastoral care during the interim of searching for our new minister. She has travelled an hour each way from her home to our community to share the Word of God not only on Sundays but also with those who have not been able to get to church. She has comforted us in our sorrows as she has led us in a year with more funerals/losses than usual. She also guided with us on joyous occasions such as weddings, baptisms and profession of faith. Gail has a special gift in relating to the children during the children's story and especially at VBS, getting down to their level and helping them understand the love of God. We miss you Gail but trust that God has big plans for you and your talents. God Bless You!!

Mission at Home

Jean Langille took on a mission this summer. Jean had just finished battling breast cancer with surgery and radiation. She stayed at The Lodge That Gives in Halifax during her radiation treatments for most of the month of April. Her first experience at The Lodge and with radiation therapy began on April 1, 2019 which is also when the Daffodil Campaign begins each year to raise money for the Cancer Society. We wanted to somehow give back for the generosity that they had provided us with during her stay but both of us on a fixed income did not have much money to contribute. We learned that the River John Festival Days was in need of a group to take on one of their "Breakfasts on Veranda", so I made a Facebook event called the River John Festival Days Breakfast for The Lodge That Gives. It read:

We are calling ourselves The River John Daffodils since Jean Langille (my mom) stayed at The Lodge That Gives for most of April during the Daffodil campaign.

It is funded by donations and has accommodated so many people and families from far and near. Many of our loved ones and neighbors have benefited from their hospitality. The RJ Festival Days needed a group to host Friday morning Breakfast on the Veranda so we thought we would take this opportunity to give back to "The Lodge".

We would kindly appreciate any help, donations or suggestions of people who would like to contribute to our cause.

With that and by word of mouth, we had 28 volunteers to help organize, cook, serve breakfast and all the rest that goes with the popular Festival Days Breakfasts. We had many generous donations which funded supplies, and several businesses such as The Pork Shop, Mountain Road U-Pick Strawberries, New Glasgow Shoppers, WillKare Paving, Pickles Pools & Spas, Pictou Sobeys and organizations such as Frazee Rebecca Lodge and River John 4H were very generous with discounts and donations. We served 364 people- Pork Shop bacon, fried eggs, hashbrowns, toast, homemade local strawberry jam (made by 4H), coffee/tea and juice. We also made the breakfast environmentally friendly with compostable plates & coffee cups and recyclable glasses and utensils, which were all sorted onsite by volunteers.

With the help of the community and by the grace of God, we were able to give back to The Lodge That Gives a grand total of \$2300!! Our goal was to have a profit of \$800. We almost tripled that and we are so thankful to God to all

who helped in any way to make this possible.

Jean is now Cancer Free!!



Dates to Remember

Coffee hour every Wednesday @ 10-11am-church hall

Chair Yoga every Thursday @ 11am-Aug-June-church hall-donation at the door

Soup Luncheon- 4th Monday each month-Oct 28, Nov 25, Jan 27-church hall

Ladies Auxiliary- Last Thursday each month-Sept-Nov, April-June -church hall-All Welcome

Atlantic Mission Society- 1st Thursday every month 2pm RJ Library—New Members Welcome

October 1- Rev. Enjei officially starts

October 6- Jacquie's last day in pulpit

October 13- Thanksgiving & Enjei's 1st day in the pulpit

November 11- Remembrance Day

December 1- 1st Week of Advent- Candle of Hope

December 8- 2nd Week of Advent- Candle of Peace

December 15- 3rd Week of Advent- Candle of Joy

December 22- 4th Week of Advent- Candle of Love

December 15- Sunday School Christmas Pageant- Lunch after church

December 22- Communion- no Sunday School

December 24- Christmas Eve Service at 5:30pm- time will be posted if changed

December 25- Merry Christmas

December 29- Sunday School resumes

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United Church News

by Joan MacLeod

After two and a half years without an ordained minister, River John /West Branch pastoral church is delighted to welcome Rev Connie McNamara who is doing a "shared ministry" with Three Harbours Pastoral charge. (Wallace, Fox Harbour and Malagash).

In practise this means that she is with us every second week. On the alternate weeks, she prepares a service which is delivered by a lay reader. Of course, it also means we have pastoral care and attendance at our events and activities in the communities. For special events like Holy week and Remembrance Day, she will alternate with the other Pastoral charge.

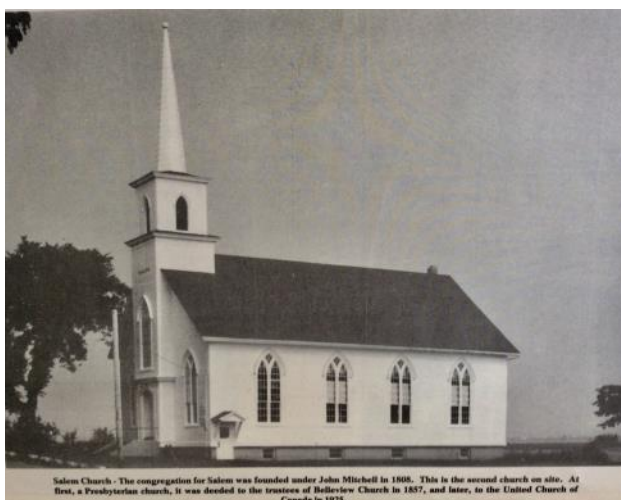
People may have noticed that Salem Church has been undergoing some repairs. Firstly, we had to replace the West side of our roof. Then we had the east facing side of the church painted and some rotten parts of the front of the church replaced. We also had to repair our well by installing a submersible pump. Some windows were blown out by hurricane Dorian and others had been broken or cracked previously. We are delighted that a number of people stepped up and volunteered their time, services and equipment to help us with these needed repairs. Thank you.

Salem Church had a successful turkey dinner recently and we wish to thank everyone for their support, contributions and hard work. We do apologize that some people were turned away. We plan to do extra for next year.

We look forward to continuing into 2020 and beyond and also sharing services again with the Anglicans during the winter.

Sunday Services are held at 9:30 AM at West Branch and at 11AM at Salem.

Christmas Eve Services Tuesday Dec 24th: West Branch 6 PM and Salem 7:30 PM



Salem Church - The congregation for Salem was founded under John Mitchell in 1808. This is the second church on site. At first, a Presbyterian church, it was dedicated to the trustees of Bellefleur Church in 1837, and later, to the United Church of Canada in 1925.



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River John Community Action Society

by Joan MacLeod

Everyone in River John (B0K 1N0) is a member of the River John Action Society. The RJCAS meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except for July and August) at 7 PM at the River John Legion.

In March we elected a new executive: chair, Patrick Mulholland, and treasurer, Mike George. Also we have Secretary, Shar MacLean (Elected last year); Vice Chair, Dan Ferguson; Directors: Elaine Falconer, Linda Thompson -Reid and Ann Patriquin.

Thanks to our outgoing executive: Chair, Ronnie Baillie and Treasurer, Robin Campbell

Did you know that the Pioneer newspaper is a project of a committee of The River John Action Society?

Our Society has successfully applied for a grant to have a washroom installed in Bissell Park. The washroom building has arrived and by the time this article appears, it should be operational. We are hiring a cleaner for the Park and washroom. The Park Committee coordinates the running of the Park.

We have secured grants to develop "The Other Side of the River" to develop a small marina with vehicular access. Watch for work this summer.



River John's Action Society President Patrick Mulholland, Treasurer Mike George and Secretary Shar MacLean.

We fund a Community Coordinator and also help to pay for a student worker's salary.

Chase the Ace and our weekly 50/50 draws are helping to raise the funds to make these projects viable

We are so fortunate to have a dedicated group of people to help make these projects possible. Special thanks to the Pioneer Committee and the "Get er done Crew".

If you see activity happening, don't be shy, please come and volunteer! If you want more information just show up for a meeting or ask to be put on our mailing list.

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Pioneer recreation

The Wilderness Call

by Carolyn Ritchie Bedford

Round on urban time clock, I work and play
Keeping home and children's pace
Coming here and going there on a scheduled trip;
A nest to tend for they and him
And time neatly set apart for my own games, as well as feed a love of he and me.
But on a second's flight my hands freeze, the clock stands still
I'm sure a whisper I did heed
But nothings there, it's gone again.
The clock's pace is set once more,
The emptiness creeps around, an ache starts up, a sudden lure
I hear it now, the whisper grows,
The call is there; time slows as sands.
My gaze, my mind has left this nest,
A shell takes up the chores.
My soul has taken flight,
Rushing, chasing the wilderness call.
The wind, the mist, the fresh I feel upon my eyes.
I see distance clearer as I chase at maddening speed;
O're waving ponds, dancing grasses, crowding pointing larch in bogs
Onward the trail is blazed toward the purple misted hills.
I've gone this way before, unresisting, with eagerness it's what I long.
There I am, among the flashing shades
As the sun's arms reach through pockets of nature's roof
There I am, by the cold running, babbling, weaving threads of brook
As it races ever faster than it can trace its route;
Around the fallen king, the crown gone, his roots torn,
His impregnable stock softened flesh.
There I am, tucked in its shade, as if by a bridge,
From bank to bank I sit by it,
My feet playing in the waters race
Catching the wild flow between my toes.
Smelling the sweet, the pure; watching and feeling my soul at peace.
I drink of myself, here I refresh, come anew and also rest,
No urgency, no time, This is me forever
All else will cease.
This is me, I am whole; A wood frog moves
Motionless leaves becoming soil,
Again--his trip unsmooth, in spurts he goes; he too is kin, for this is home.
A shrillness, a pulsating scream,
I'm back; the telephone rings,
I don't recall the trip's return, I didn't want to leave,
The stay too short, how long will it remain with me?
But I know, I'll go again. And sooner than the wait before.
Some day I'll fly there to meet my soul,
Cradled gently among the wood alone.
Someday the trip will be one way,
Home to stay. My soul in place in me, to be Me.



Carolyn Ritchie Bedford

Carolyn has exhibited in various group shows in Nova Scotia and had many solo shows of paintings which have seen reviews and now, exhibits her sculpture work. She does her own bronze work and has a small foundry to produce the pieces and also fires her own clay work. Carolyn was apprenticed in the bronze and believes strongly in hands on throughout the process of any medium. For over 50 years, Carolyn has also worked in the advancement of the arts, working on the provincial board, operating a Co-op gallery, organizing a symposium, giving presentations, teaching and keeping her interest in local art events. At present she is on the board of Creative Pictou County council and a member of Art at Large Collective in New Glasgow. Carolyn's successful completion of the public sculpture piece, "The Village Well" in the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre was a culmination of five years' study and apprenticeship of the lost wax process of bronze sculpture and a recent venture into the public art sector. With gratitude she was gifted with the desire to weld and work with metal medium from J Todd Vassallo and Randy Sutherland, now looking forward working with metal medium. She continues to paint and sculpt for gallery exhibition and receives visitors to her open studio.

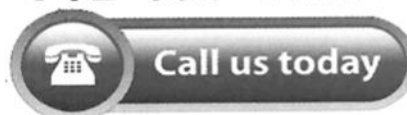


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Will you sign my Autograph book?

by Beulah Jane Wright

I haven't seen many autograph books around lately, though it may be still possible to find them. I think the young girls of today are more interested in cell phones and I-pads and various other electronic devices, but when I was a girl, they were still popular. I had one myself, my Mother had one that she treasured and we also had one owned by my grandmother, when she, like so many other young women of the day, had gone to USA to work. Her autograph book was a little fancier than most, much larger with a raised embossed cover and decorated with Victorian flowery stickers. The most remarkable thing about Gramma's book, however, was the handwriting - beautiful quill pen calligraphy, with flowing capitals and stylized hand writing. Unfortunately all three of those autograph books were destroyed in a house fire, but some of the verses will still come to mind.

There were a few people, maybe the shy ones, maybe ones with less imagination, who would just sign their names, and the date or with maybe a phrase like, "remember me" but most would leave a verse. Some were funny, some sentimental, others gave advice, which might be wise and thoughtful or "tongue in cheek". I remember the verse my Mother wrote for me - "Your future lies before you, like a sheet of snow. Be careful how you tread on it, as every step will show". Not many of the verses were original, but were passed around from one generation to another. Someone had written on the last page of my Mother's book - "By hook or by crook, I'll be the last to write in your book!" A mischievous uncle had written on the bottom corner of the inside cover - "I'll be darned if you will!"

At the Museum in River John, we are fortunate to have four old autograph books. Some of the pages are crumbling with age and some of the writing is fading and difficult to read, but the messages are always delightful, whether serious or amusing. Some of the verses may be signed just with initials, or nick names, but

some are signed with full names and addresses. All are a delight to read.

For instance there is Grace Fraser's, who in 1887 was evidently a student at Pictou Academy. Of course there were lots of entries from River John, where she lived, and from Pictou, but also from other areas - obviously students at the Academy - Little Harbour, Westville, Upper Stewiacke, Lawrencetown and West Bay. Samples of the entries are: "Few and short are the words, I say" or "You ask me for my name, As if you didn't know. But in case you will forget, I'll write it here below". A cousin writes "Always be good to the big bozo in school is my advice". Another friend wrote "Our whole life is a story, more or less intelligible, generally less, but we shall read it by a clearer light when it is ended."

One can almost guess at the personalities of the writers!

Georgina Baillie's book, she received in 1896, and she identifies herself on this page - "Georgie J. Baillie is my name, Nova Scotia is my nation, West Branch is my dwelling place and place of habitation. When I am dead and in my grave, and all my bones are rotten, this little book will tell my name when I am quite forgotten". Her sister wrote in lighter vein, "When you are sitting on a sofa, with a young man by your side, Beware of false impressions, for his mustache may be dyed!" Another writer wishes "May your paths be strewn with roses, and your husband, meek as Moses" and a verse used often "Love many, trust few. Always paddle your own canoe".

A third autograph book was received in 1926 by a lady named Eleanor, but her last name doesn't seem to be included. There are entries made up to 1930, and it seems Eleanor may have in training for a nurse, as several entries mention the hospital, and many of the signees give Stewiacke or Oakfield as their address. Near the end of the book there are entries from New Waterford General Hospital. Was Eleanor from River John and living away as she studied and later nursed? One of her

verses reads "Remember me now, Remember me ever. Remember the nights we spent, On night duty together". Another entry from E. Young goes "When you're home again in Stewiacke, away from the Hospital far, Think of the flat, and how we sat, in Isadore's snappy car". I guess they must have had some fun as well.

The remaining autograph book dates from 1882, and is a bit different in that it belonged to a man - the only man's autograph book that I ever saw, though it may have been common.. His name was John W. MacKenzie from Loganville, and the penmanship in this book is extremely fine. Looks like a quill pen was used, and the writing is faded. The names are familiar, the addresses are local, Earltown, New Annan, Back Meadows (Meadowville), Roseville?, Barriswa? (maybe Barrachois), Brule, River John.. Many of the verses are quite "flowery", but some are amusing, like this one - "Women have many faults, men have only two, They never do what's right - they never say what's true. But if they never do what's right and never say what's true, What precious fools we women are to love them like we do" Or this one, "I dip my pen into the ink, and grasp your album tight. But for my life I cannot think, one single word to write".

These albums are a delight to read, whether one knows the persons or not. The verses may be spiritual, inspirational or just amusing, but the whole point of the entries, is the hope that these friends will not be forgotten. And I think that in most cases, the result has been reached - remembrance.

Fun and fitness in River John

by Marg Jones

Did you know there are activities going on every weekday in River John, where you can get some exercise, have some fun and meet new friends?

There is a minimal charge for these activities. So you have no excuse if you've been saying there's nothing to do in River John. Come along, bring a friend and have some fun.




Monday 9-10 am, Exercise Class, Fire Hall

Tuesday 10-11 am, Line Dancing, Legion

Wednesday 9-10 am, Exercise Class, Fire Hall

Thursday 11 am, Chair Yoga, St. George's Hall

Fridays 9-10 am, Exercise Class Fire Hall



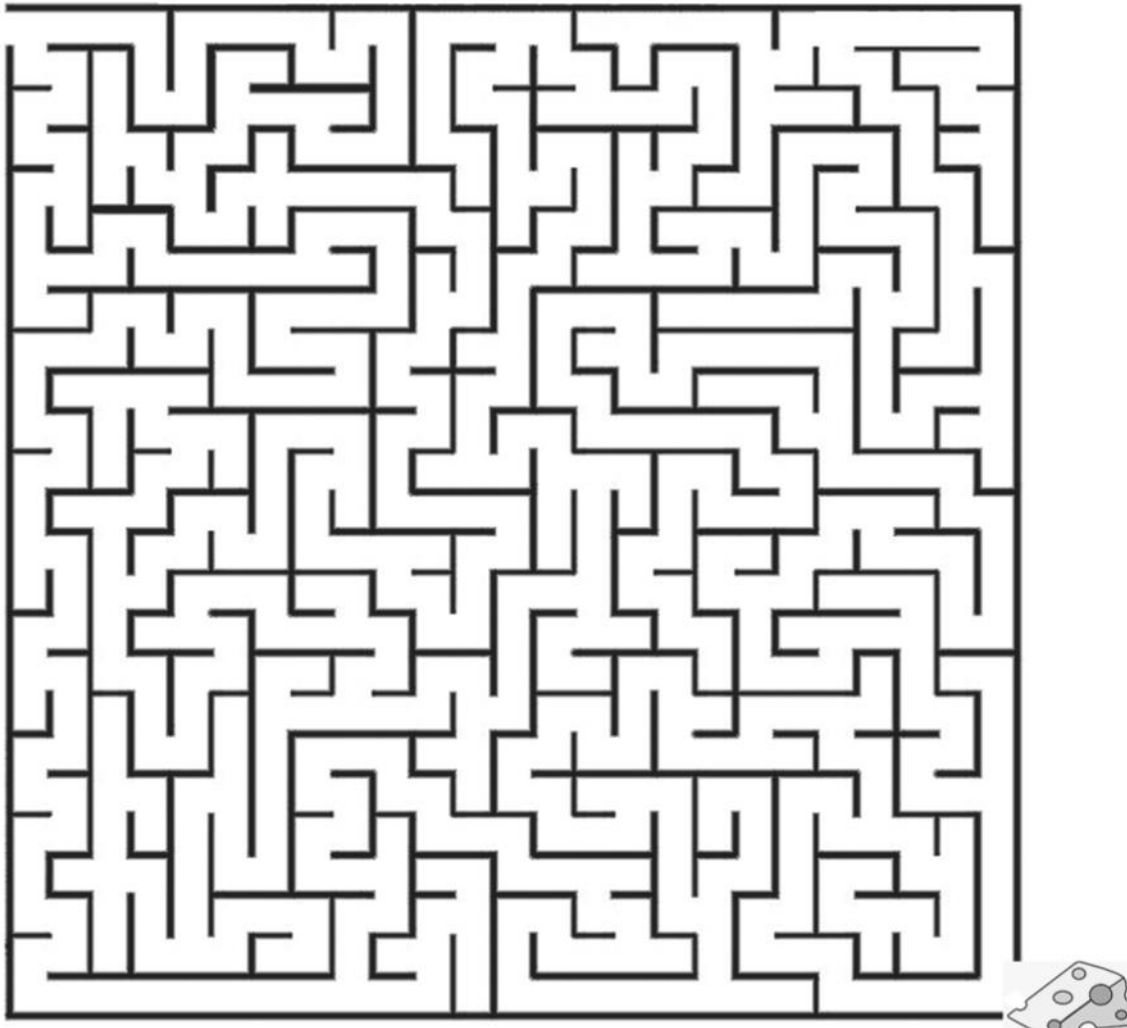
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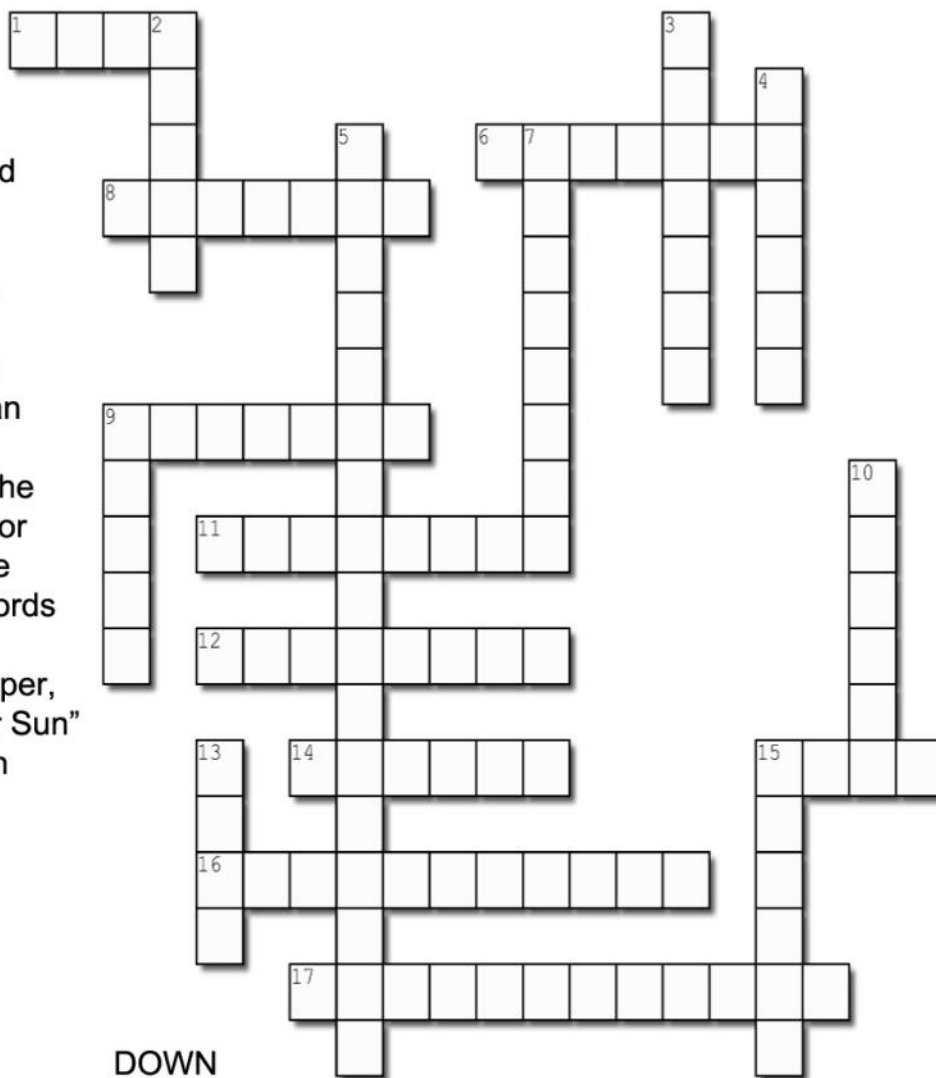
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North American Newspapers

We all know the Chronicle Herald is the Halifax paper and the Advocate keeps Pictonians in touch, but do you know the name of the papers that are published in these North American towns and cities? I have not included the word "the" - English or French - or the name of the city if those words appear in the actual name of the newspaper, e.g. "The Vancouver Sun" would only be shown as "Sun."



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Compiled by Marg Jones

A Letter to Dorothy Din

by Del Robinson

A letter was written to Dorothy Din
Which came from River John
From a fellow who had a problem
And he wanted her to solve this one.
He stated he had a brother
Who was an awful Grit
And right in the Pearson Cabinet
Was where he seemed to fit
He had another brother
A sort of a devilish ape
Who was doing time in Dorchester
Being convicted of arson and rape.
He also had two sisters
Doing business on the street
And his dad was taking their earnings
His grocery bills to meet.
He said he had a girlfriend
Who was a prostitute all her life
But he was madly in love with her
And wanted to make her his wife.
So the problem he took to Dorothy
He was puzzled he did admit
Should he tell her before they married
That his brother was a Grit.

The Pioneer loves your photos, but.....

by Derek Andrews



This looks so good. Why wasn't I there, wherever it was?



Every day is a happy day in River John, but maybe the rest of us missed out on something special.

“A picture is worth a thousand words” may well be true, but sometimes just a few words are needed to add context to a picture. You can make the work of our volunteer team much easier and the paper more interesting to our readers if your photo submissions are accompanied by a caption.

If you aren't sure what to write, try answering some or all of the following questions:

- WHO is in the photo?
- WHAT are they doing?
- WHY are they doing it?
- WHEN was it?
- WHERE was it?
- HOW is this relevant to River John?

These are also great questions to address when you are writing an article for the paper too.

We rely very much on content sent from you, our readers. If you have something to share with readers of The Pioneer, send your stories, pictures and captions text files and photographs as e-mail attachments to pioneereditors@hotmail.com



Did someone win a raffle or was it a fishing competition?



Something interesting was going on, but what was it?

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Christmas Market

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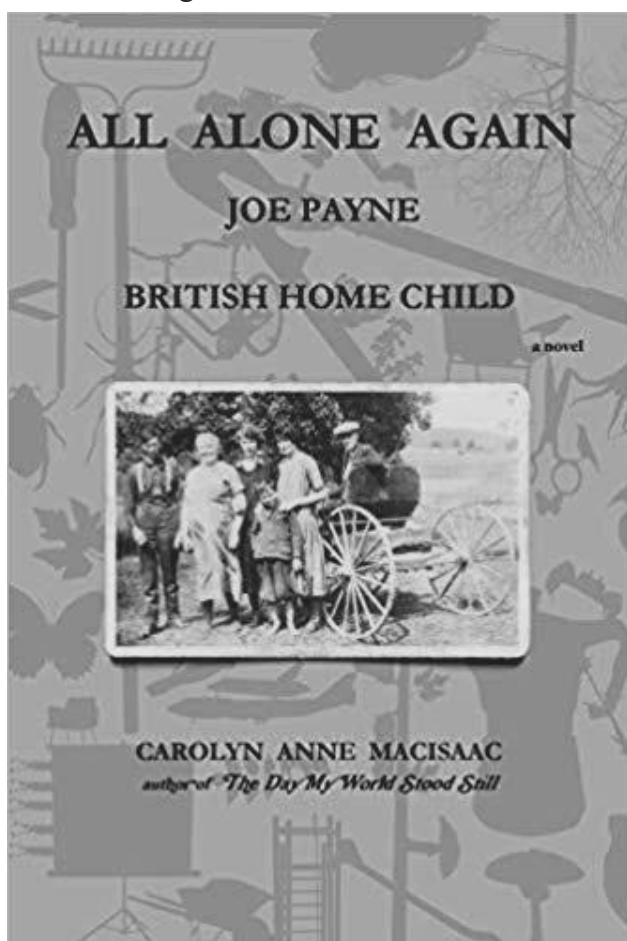
The market is held at Lismore Sheep Farm
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New novel

From Carolyn MacIsaac, a British Home Child Descendant comes a creative historical novel titled "All Alone Again, Joe Payne, British Home Child.

Joe Payne was born during the Second Industrial Revolution in England in 1905. It was a time of great poverty. Britain had too many starving and orphaned children and Canada had acres and acres of green fields and a need for farm workers. In 1915, with his father missing, Joe became one of 100,000 British Home Children sent to Canada and indentured to work on a farm until he was eighteen years old.

This past July, Carolyn read from "All Alone Again" at the open mic at Read by The Sea in River John. This is Joe Payne's story with many images of postcards sent to Joe by his Mother. That is the heart of the story. The book is now published and available at the Tatamagouche Museum and the McCulloch House Museum in Pictou. It can also be purchased through Amazon.



Open Invitation and an Open Mic Brought a Crowd

by Sarah Butland

In conjunction with Read by the Sea, the Pictou County Writers Group took part for the second year and in a larger capacity in July 2019. Meeting first at the River John Library as a group welcoming new members, and celebrating the anniversary of two regular attendees, the group has grown.

Following a short introduction of the members, including new, original and in between, the group moved across the street for their first ever Open Mic event in conjunction with Writing on Fire. Melanie Barr and Darren Coleman, residents of Pugwash, as well as Marilyn Livingston from Cape John and Polly Szantor joined the group to listen and share their love of literature. Barr said of her time in River John for the literary festival "What an inspiring

time being enlightened about all things to do with writing and the people behind the craft."

Ron MacNutt of Remshag Media based out of Wallace was accommodating with his talents in setting up the mic and ensuring the talent of local voices could be heard over the traffic.

The Pictou County Writers Group welcomed the larger crowd and new connections as well as the exposure of working with Read by the Sea in the beautiful village of River John.

To connect with the Pictou County Writers Group (New and Experienced) please visit their Facebook group at [facebook.com/groups/663821823636879/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/663821823636879/).

by Chelsey Joudrie
River John Festival Days Committee

Well friends another River John Festival Days has come and gone and we couldn't be more proud of the week that was so enthusiastically put on and enjoyed by so many. It is certainly a big endeavour to take on a full weeklong festival; however our small but mighty group aim to please as we go about planning and executing all the events. That being said as much work as the committee puts in, these events would not be possible without a number of people and organizations, who step up every year to put on one event or another. Our volunteer base also continues to grow which is a huge asset in our ability to provide a successful festival. I would love to name off every person and organization in this write up, however it would probably take up most of the Pioneer and I would be so afraid to miss someone. So please if you are or know someone who helped in any way last year, pat them or yourself on the back, because of you River John Festival Days 2019 was indeed a success! We have had such incredible feedback and we literally couldn't have done it without you!

That being said I do have to contradict myself as I feel compelled to bring attention to a few groups who have been extremely beneficial to our festival over the years. Number one shout out goes to the River John Lions Club, who year after year allow us to use their facilities and veranda for our breakfasts and entertainment among other events. They continue to be flexible, understanding and thoughtful; and we look forward to our continued partnership in the years to come.

St. Georges Presbyterian church has also been so obliging over the years allowing us to use their hall for many things, this past year included events such as the WW1/WW2 Display, RJ's Strawberry Tea, and alternative rain location for entertainment on the veranda.

Your support and flexibility means so much to us!

Another shout out has to go to the ninety-eight students who have worked in the recreation program in River John over the past fourteen years. They provide their attendance and experience to a multitude of events throughout the week and keep River John looking wonderful all summer long!

Again thank you to every sponsor, every organization, and every individual for all of their help this year!

Last but certainly not least, thank you to all who come from near and far to attend all of the weeks activities, without you we obviously would not have a reason to put on a festival- so thank you for continuing to come each year to enjoy all the festivities.

Next year is our 35th anniversary and we are already meeting to plan the events. We are also in the planning stages of a number of fundraisers. So please watch for those events and either help by volunteering/ attending/ participating in those fundraisers.

Finally, if you want to help out in any kind of way before, during or after the festival please contact us at rjfestivaldays@gmail.com we have jobs big and small and something for everyone to do. Also any questions, comments or concerns can be directed there as well.

We hope that you had fun in the sun and the sea this year and we look forward to seeing you next year!

See colour photos of the 2019 Festival Days on the next two pages.



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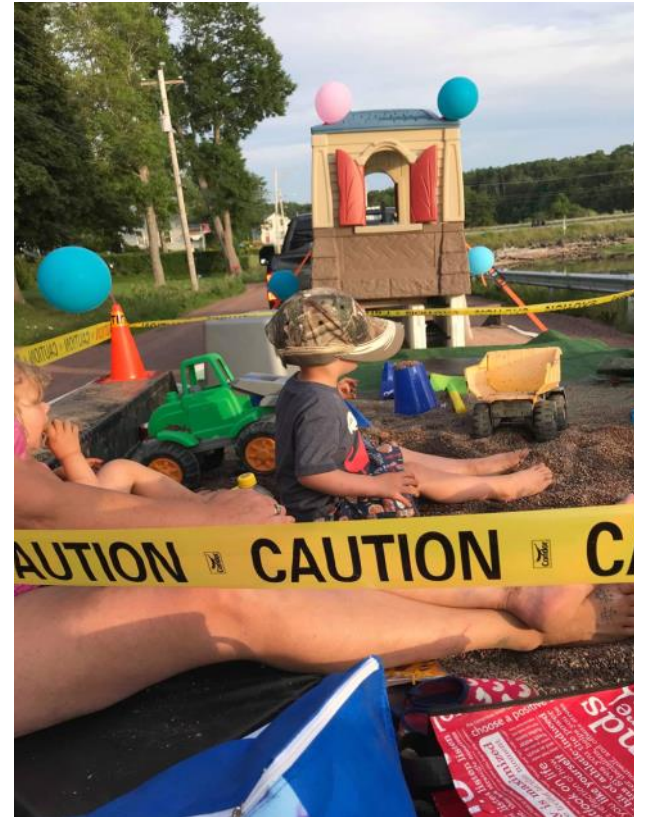
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Best Overall Float, "Woodstock Anniversary." From left to right: Tom Falconer, Stewart Joudrie, Scott Cameron, Chase Tattrie, Donna Falconer, Kerry Black, Chrissy Joudrie, Irene Hatch, Betty Lewis, Allyson Falconer.



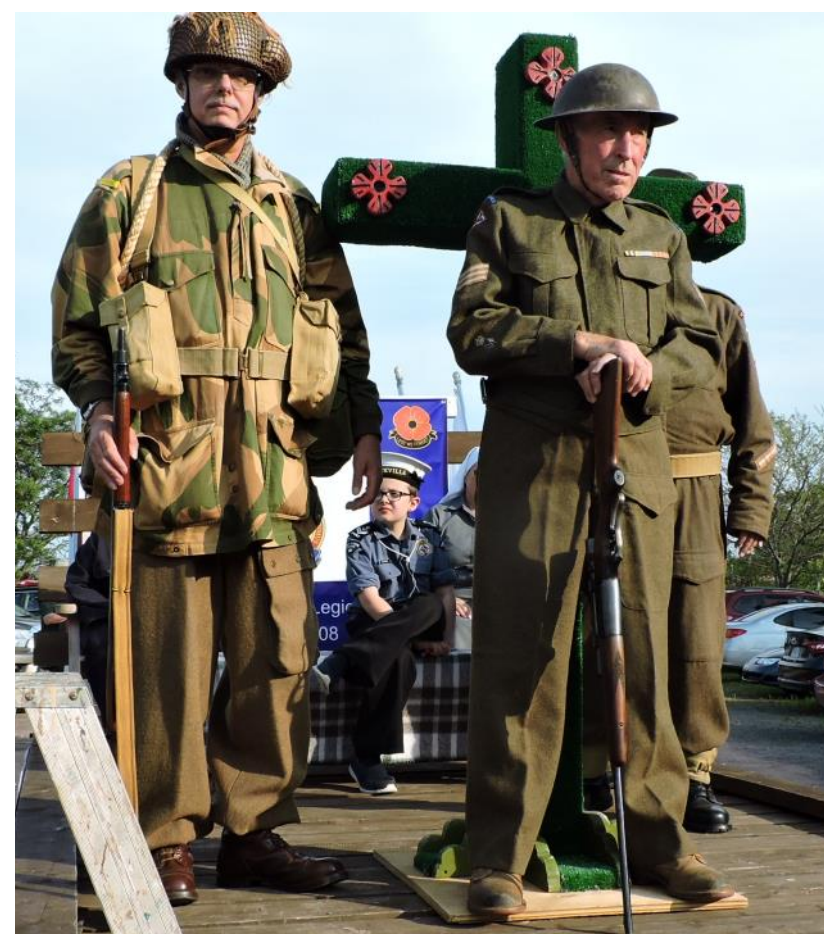
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A little sunshine led the 4H float in the parade



RJs Celebrating 50 years



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The 4H breakfast was held at St. George's due to inclement weather



George Cripps enjoying his breakfast

