



Citizens unite in support of Riverside Consolidated School, March 11.

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Welcome to Connecting Albert County

At www.ConnectingAlbertCounty.org, you can learn about current news, the Save Our School movement, events, job postings, community groups, village profiles and newsletters and articles about rural Albert County.



**The Future of
Riverside Consolidated**

Learn about the community efforts to keep Riverside Consolidated School open in articles on the [Current News](#) and [Culture & Heritage](#) pages.

Tuesday, April 14: RCS Public Meeting

7pm - 9pm. Public Meeting #2 with the District Education Council (DEC) for Riverside Consolidated School at the Riverside Recreation Centre. This meeting will allow parents and stakeholder groups an opportunity to make presentations to the DEC regarding the sustainability of the school.

Scene from the public meeting in March.

If the school closes, how many young families will leave the area?

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Upcoming Events

Event information was submitted by community groups. To post an event on [our calendar](#) or submit information for our next e-bulletin, please visit www.ConnectingAlbertCounty.org.

Monday, March 16: **Hillsborough Council Meeting**

6:30pm-8:30pm. Regular Council Meeting. Only those listed on the Agenda are able to speak during the meeting. All Village Residents are welcome to attend and view the meeting from the Gallery.

Monday, March 16: **Bookmobile**

10:30-11:30 Alma Activity Centre/Town Office
12:30-1:00 Riverside-Albert - Quick Mart - 5964 King St
1:30 - 2:00 Hopewell Cape - Albert County Museum

Tuesday, March 17: **St. Patrick's Day Card Party**

1-3 pm If the relentless snowstorms and freezing cold have got you down in the dumps, grab a few friends and come to Forest Dale Home's beautiful "Great Room" for a St. Patrick's Day Card Party. There will be card tables with seats for four, new decks of card, and delicious sweets with coffee, tea and punch for only \$2.00. If you have not been to the new Forest Dale Home, this is your opportunity to see how lovely it is. Sponsored by [Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee](#) in partnership with [Forest Dale Home](#), the afternoon promises to add an Irish Blessing to your winter day!

Please call if you have questions or to reserve your spot: 882-2626 or 882-2960. (We will be happy to accommodate singles, and make up tables with three friends you have not yet met!) Forest Dale Home, Riverside-Albert

Saturday, March 21: **RCMP Hockey All-Stars vs Hillsborough Hillbillies**

6:30pm. This year's RCMP Hockey All-Stars vs Hillsborough Hillbillies hockey game at the Hillsborough Arena. This is a fundraiser that the RCMP organize and proceeds go towards the Hillsborough District Minor Hockey teams. Everyone is welcome! Donations will be taken at the door. Game commences at 1830hrs!

Sunday, March 22: **Pasta Party**

5:30pm. Pasta Party at the [Curryville Community Outreach Center](#). Spaghetti, Bread, Dessert, Tea or Coffee \$5. Gluten-free pasta available!

Monday, March 23: **Bennett and Albert County Health Care Foundation Inc. AGM**

7:00pm. Annual General Meeting of [Bennett and Albert County Health Care Foundation Inc.](#) in the Community Room at the Albert County Health & Wellness Centre with Guest Speaker – Shelley Jones – Topic "Building the Team for Successful Diabetes Self-Management"

Saturday, March 28: **Fundy Blades Ice Show**

Fundy Blades Annual Ice Show, 11am & 6pm shows. 'Into the Woods' theme.

Sunday, March 29: **Curryville Outreach Centre AGM**

3pm. Annual General Meeting of the Curryville Community Outreach Center. This is a Community Potluck and there will be gluten-free options. For more info, see us on Facebook!

Thursday, April 2: **School bus trip for DEC members**

Members of the District Education Council (DEC) and the media are invited on a road trip! The group will follow the school bus routes which have been proposed to bring students from as far away as Alma to Hillsborough if Riverside Consolidated is closed. Community members are encouraged to show their support for our local school by writing letters and possibly holding posters along the route. Please check out [Connecting Albert County's news page](#) for updates.

Friday, April 3: **The Easter Cantata**

7pm 'Once For All' with choir selections, special music and character dramas, will be presented on Good Friday at the Hopewell Hill Baptist Church, 5304 Rte 114, Hopewell Hill.

Thursday, April 9: **Bookmobile**

10:30-11:30 Alma Activity Centre/Town Office
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7pm - 9pm. Public Meeting #2 with the District Education Council (DEC) for Riverside Consolidated School at the Riverside Recreation Centre. This meeting will allow parents and stakeholder groups an opportunity to make presentations to the DEC regarding the sustainability of the school. See details of community opposition to possible school closure at [Current News](#) and [Culture & Heritage](#). If you would like to participate in the public meeting, please contact Dan Sinclair & Angela Sullivan (887-1814, Dan-gela@nb.sympatico.ca), or Barb Gebuhr (882-2573, barbgebu@nb.sympatico.ca).

Thursday, April 16: **Job Fair**

A Job Fair will be held for adults who want to work (part- or full-time), connecting them with Albert County employers who are looking for mature individuals with skills and a sense of responsibility. If you do not have a resume, there

will be a booth to help you create and print one. Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre from 4-8pm. Click [here](#) for further details.

Saturday, April 18: Gospel Music Concert

7pm. Judy Ayles, Salisbury & Mac Wilmot, Lower Coverdale Nightwatch, Moncton (2015 Reunion), Daybreak, Chipman. Hillsborough Kiwanis Centre. Admission: \$7.00

Wednesday, April 22: A Fresh Look at Arthritis

Speakers are Nadine Chiasson-Peters, Physiotherapist, and Megan Shannahan, Dietitian. From 2:00-3:00pm in the [Albert County Health & Wellness Centre](#) Community Room. Call 882-3100 to register.

Saturday, April 25: Variety Show

7pm-8:30pm. Fundraiser for Tele-Drive Albert County. Click [here](#) to learn more about Tele-Drive.

Tuesday, April 28: Public School Meeting

7pm. Public Meeting #3: This is the scheduled Public Meeting where the District Education Council (DEC) will bring the sustainability studies to a conclusion through final discussions, a motion and a vote. See details at [Current News](#) and [Culture & Heritage](#).

May 2: Introduction to Bee-Keeping Workshop

Hosted by [Foods of the Fundy Valley](#) at the Hopewell Cape Community Hall. We will be learning the basics of bee-keeping with Fletcher Colpitts throughout the day. Cost is \$30/participant and includes snacks and lunch. Space is limited so please sign up early, as interest has been strong. You can send us a message through Facebook or our website or call Janine at 882-2728 or jaunderh@gmail.com.

Thursday, May 7: Bookmobile

10:30-11:30 Alma Activity Centre/Town Office; 12:30-1:00 Riverside-Albert - Quick Mart - 5964 King St.; 1:30 - 2:00 Hopewell Cape - Albert County Museum

Friday, May 8: Foods of the Fundy Valley AGM

[Foods of the Fundy Valley](#) will be hosting their AGM at the Hopewell Cape Community Hall. There will be a presentation of our years' activities along with an informative talk on "Soil preparation" and "Growing longer in our shorter seasons." Meeting begins at 5p.m. with our well-known soup bar. We hope you will join us for an enjoyable evening. Stay posted through monthly bulletin and Facebook.

Saturday-Sunday, May 16-17: Albert Early Spring Horse Show

Horse show for all ages starting at 9am Saturday and Sunday

mornings. 80+ classes. All are welcome to come watch. Canteen facilities on site. Albert Fairgrounds.

Saturday, May 23: 5th Annual James Terris Memorial Hillbilly Run

The run starts at 10am from the Hillsborough Golf Club. Be sure to arrive early to register! For more information, see <https://www.facebook.com/events/1417935235171187/>

Weekly events

Tuesdays. Zumba® class - Tuesday 7.00-8.00pm at Riverside Consolidated School. Contact 882-2831. Evelyn Wachs is the certified ZUMBA® Instructor.

Wednesdays. Kiwanis Bingo. Doors open at 5:30, games begin at 6:30.

Wednesdays. Pilates. 5:30-6:30, Riverside Consolidated School. 872-0403 Sasha Rooney, certified Pilates instructor.

Wednesdays. Zumba® STEP class 7-8pm at Rec. Centre Riverside-Albert. Contact Evelyn Wachs, certified Zumba Instructor, 882-2831 or www.evelynwachs.zumba.com.

Thursdays. Knitting. 9:30-11:30am, drop in- to Turtlepurl studio with your knitting project. While it's not a formal class, there is usually someone around who can offer

Community Announcements

Winners!

Names of subscribers to the [Connecting Albert County e-bulletin](#) were entered into a draw in February. The lucky winners were Heather Steeves, Rachel Steeves and John Bennett. Two won \$25 gift certificates for the new [Iron Horse Bar & Grill](#) in Hillsborough, and one received a \$25 gift certificate for the Harbour View Restaurant in Alma. Connecting Albert County thanks the [Iron Horse Bar & Grill](#) and Harbour View Restaurant for their support.

Job Postings

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Hillsborough United Church Casserole Fundraiser

READY-TO-BAKE CASSEROLES to cook immediately or to freeze! 4 featured recipes made with Lean Ground Beef: Shepherd's Pie, Cheeseburger Casserole, Meatballs, and Potato, Hamburg & Bean Dish. Casserole comes in a Ready-to-Bake or Ready-to-Freeze container! Sizes: Senior (approx 1-2 servings) \$6; Family (approx 4 servings) \$10; Larger (approx 5-6 servings) \$15. Order by calling the church office at 734-2529 (leave a message) or call Verna Elliott at 388-5437. Order deadline is March 17. Pick-up at Hillsborough United Church, Fri. March 20, from 4-7pm.

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subscribers can be found on the Home page.

Thursdays. Zumba® class 7:30-8:00pm at Rec. Centre, Riverside-Albert. Contact 862-2431 Evelyn Wachs, ZUMBA®

instructor. Last Thursday of the month, location changes to Riverside Consolidated School.

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Albert County Health & Wellness Centre

See a description of the [Services provided by our community health centre](#), along with the hours of operation. The centre's family physicians and nurse practitioner are currently accepting new patients. If you live in rural Albert County and do not have a primary care provider, or would like to make an appointment, please call 882-3100. The physicians offer a satellite office in Alma.

Connecting Albert County

Our mission is to celebrate the culture, natural beauty, and sense of community shared and valued by the people of rural Albert County.

We aim to nurture a growing attitude of hope and pride among community members, and to contribute to the economic prosperity of our region.

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Connecting Albert County reflects the passion and hard work of many individuals in rural Albert County, including Joanne Butland, Deborah Carr, Joseph Gallant, Barb Gebuhr, Livia Goodbrand, Lynne Greenblatt, Mindy Holmstrom, Susan Quinn, Phyllis Sutherland, Janine Underhill and Janet Wallace (Moderator).

We thank the [Albert County Health & Wellness Centre](#) and our regional community partners, Micha Fardy (United Way Greater Moncton SENB) and Joanna Brown (Westmorland-Albert Community Inclusion Network) for their support.



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