

Connecting Albert County

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Empowered: Overcoming power outages

By Janet Wallace

After five nights of complete darkness, the flashing orange lights of three power trucks were a welcome light at the end of the tunnel. I stopped my car next to a man who shone a massive flashlight into dark woods. He wore the orange coveralls of a linesman with a hardhat and headlamp like a miner.

"When I drove by earlier," I told him, "a yellow birch was on the lines around the corner."

"We just cut that and freed the lines," he replied. "Power should be back on within the hour."

Relieved, I thanked him and drove home.

I felt better than I had in days. That afternoon, my partner and I went to Moncton and shook off the cabin fever that had set in after five long days and nights without electricity. I showered at the YMCA, which opened its doors to people without

power. It felt so good to be clean. We picked up a pizza, non-perishable groceries, and headed home for a yet another candle-lit dinner.

This happened in January 2018. Since then, in November alone, three power outages have lasted more than 24 hours in Albert County.

Be prepared

Winter in Atlantic Canada involves power outages. There's no way to get around it, particularly in rural areas. There are, however, steps to make the experience easier, safer, more and (dare I say) more enjoyable. For example, a woodstove will give you heat and a means to warm up food and water. Note that some wood furnaces and pellet stoves need electricity to run safely.

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Letter to the editor

Premier Higgs Needs to Check the Facts

In an effort to justify the selective lifting of the NB fracking moratorium in Sussex, Premier Higgs recently praised the BC government for its being able to have a big shale gas industry while being a green province and lowering its emissions. You may recall that BC legislated a 33% emission reduction from its 2007 level by 2020.

However, the most recent figures released by the BC government indicate that its 2015 carbon emissions had increased by 1.6% over the previous year. In fact, the BC Greenhouse Gas Inventory indicates that emissions have risen in four of the last five years. More critically, the current emissions level is only 2% less than what it was in 2007. So, BC has fallen way behind its legislated targets. In addition, the BC government failed to adopt the new target of a 40% reduction by 2030 as recommended by the Climate Panel that the government had commissioned.

There has been a great deal of recent news coverage about BC's resistance to the completion of the Kinder Morgan pipeline that would transport tar sands bitumen from Alberta. The logic behind BC's resistance is the potential ecological and economic disaster an oil spill would have on the BC coast. What is less well-publicized is the fact that the huge volume of BC's fracked gas is being shipped to Alberta to heat the tar sands bitumen so it is then able to flow through the pipeline that BC says it does not want.

The 2018 IPCC Report indicated that we have only a dozen years for global warming to be kept to a maximum of a 1.5 degree increase beyond which even a 0.5 degree increase will subject hundreds of millions of people to drought, fires, floods, extreme heat, food shortages and poverty.

The future of meaningful life for young people is dependent upon forward-looking governments quickly reducing the use of fossil fuels. New Brunswick now has a Premier who wants to drive into the future looking through the rear view mirror.

Roy Ries, Harvey, Albert County

Connecting Albert County welcomes letters to the editor. We reserve the right to edit letters for the sake of clarity and conciseness. If we receive multiple letters on the same subject, we will try to present all viewpoints, but may not publish them all due to space constraints. Opinions in the letters to the editor do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Connecting Albert County team.

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Although power outages often occur during big storms, they can happen at any time. (Remember, the northeast blackout of August 2003?) Prepare an emergency kit and keep it where you can find it in the dark.

Emergency kit

- Drinking water for 72 hours (3 litres per person per day).
- Clean water for washing dishes and hands.
- Non-perishable food for three days and manual can-opener. Include ground coffee or a manual coffee grinder.
- Disposable dishes and napkins.
- Hand sanitizer or handy wipes (particularly important if you cannot boil water).
- Phone numbers of power company, fire department, doctors, insurance company, provincial/municipal Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) and neighbours. You might need to read this by flashlight so write clearly with large letters and numbers.
- Corded phone if you have a landline. Phone lines can go down in storms so a cell phone is valuable as well. Keep batteries charged.
- Cash. ATMs may be down and many businesses can't use credit or debit cards.
- Medications and first aid kit.
- Eyeglass cleaner. It is difficult to clean glasses well without running hot water.
- Buckets to collect rainwater or snow for flushing toilets and washing. A 10-gallon bucket of snow melts to 1 gallon of water; melting ice is more efficient.
- Playing cards and games.
- Wind-up or battery-powered radio.
- Flashlights with batteries including lantern flashlights to illuminate larger areas and small flashlights for everyone in the house.
- Small butane burner for heating food (outside).



Preparations

When a storm is approaching, you can take more measures to keep safe and comfortable.

- Fill up bathtubs and buckets with water for flushing toilets and washing.
- Park your car as close to the road as possible (but safe from falling trees/branches).
- Fill up your car tank and jerry cans for generators, chainsaws, barbecues and snowblowers. Gas stations may run out of fuel.
- Charge laptops, cell phones, tablets and rechargeable batteries. An uninterruptible power supply can power various small appliances. If you need access to the Internet, get a data plan for a phone or tablet.
- Make sure you can get out of the house. At our place, nor'easters sometimes drift over the doors. When a storm is forecast, we keep a shovel and snowshoes inside. If the doors are drifted shut, we climb out a window, snowshoe to the door and shovel it out.
- Unplug as many devices as possible and turn down the thermostat. If the power goes out, unplug or turn off breakers for your fridge, freezer, hot water heater and other appliances. A challenge to restoring power is the surge of electrical demand as soon as power comes back. Turn on appliances gradually after power is restored as needed.

- Generators are expensive, heavy and awkward but they can make an outage much more comfortable. The best (but most expensive) option is to have a generator wired into the electrical panel so you can simply switch to generator power. Keep in mind that you need to have fuel on hand but not in the house. To avoid carbon monoxide build-up, you must run a generator outside. Portable generators are a bit trickier to use. When you see one in the store, the wheels may make it look very portable; imagine moving it during a blizzard with high snowdrifts.

- Don't try to heat your home with a fuel-burning appliance not designed for home heating. While it may be tempting to heat your home with a propane stove or other appliance that is not vented to the outside, the result could be disastrous. Anything that burns fuel (propane, natural gas or kerosene) consumes oxygen and creates carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is odourless, colourless and can be deadly!*

- During an extended power outage, please check on your neighbours, particularly elderly neighbours, if it's safe to do so. Not everyone has a generator or alternative source of heat.*

- Do not approach or go near downed power lines as there is no way to know whether a line is energized or not. If you know of a downed power line, report it to NB Power.*

Food safety

Power outages can lead to food poisoning. Food in the fridge may last for a day or two without power but it depends on the item and the warmth of the house. When an outage strikes, you can quickly take out the food you need. Put it in a cooler in a cold, protected spot (e.g. car). Avoid opening fridges and freezers but if you do, put a bucket of snow or ice inside. Insulate your freezer with blankets, heavy coats and/or sleeping bags.

After an outage or before plugging in a fridge or freezer into a generator, any room-temperature food should be discarded (I composted it but neighbouring pig farmers accepted donations). Although I was taught that you can't safely re-freeze thawed food, authorities now say that if thawed

food (even meat) is cold to the touch, it can be frozen again. The quality, however, may deteriorate.

A safe option is to cook thawed food immediately. After the ice storm, I had a medley of thawed produce. My favourite creation was curried butternut squash soup with snow peas and goosetongue greens.

Silver linings

A long outage can bring a community together. People with woodstoves open their doors to neighbours without back-up heat. A pick-up truck with a generator in the back is a common sight as people bring generators from neighbour to neighbour, chatting while freezers, fridges and battery chargers get powered.

On a snow day, kids are outside making forts and snowmen. During the long outage, a neighbour spent evenings playing games with her kids, who normally had a full schedule of sports and organized activities. Her daughter asked if they could have "family games night" every night.

Silence is another reward. There is no electrical hum, just the sound of the woodstove. Although there is wonderful music the day after an ice storm. Frozen droplets tinkle delicately as they fall onto frozen surfaces. Wind in the trees creates a symphony resembling hundreds of wine glasses clinking as ice-covered branches sway and touch. Percussive crashes are followed by shattering when a branch or tree falls.

A power outage allows us to slow down and focus on what is local and real. It can be a wake-up call – making us aware of our dependence on electricity and the external stimuli provided by TVs, computers, tablets and cellphones. It can make us more grateful for what we often take for granted. After the long outage, I was thrilled to have electricity restored. Running water was a treat: hot water a luxury. A fridge and freezer made life simpler, as did the ability to use the phone, Internet and my computer. A bonus is free firewood: wood from downed trees will keep me warm next winter. Meanwhile, I'm getting more prepared for the next outage.

* Ideas from Bob Rochon (see p. 5).

Be prepared! Emergency Measures *By Bob Rochon*

During the past two winters, we have seen a number of power outages in New Brunswick. In the north part of the province, power was out for more than one week. Here, in the south, we were without power for up to 109 hours, or roughly four and one-half days. During that time, the Villages of Alma, Hillsborough and Riverside-Albert responded by opening up warming centres powered by generators, allowing residents to warm up, enjoy a warm cup of coffee or tea and to charge electronic devices. The municipalities continue to improve their ability to respond to these situations as they acquire reliable sources of back-up power.

It is also important to highlight the generosity of businesses and organizations. Forest Dale Home in Riverside-Albert often opens its doors to people when there are power outages. The Hillsborough Elementary School opened its doors during the prolonged power outage in February to allow residents to use their facility. Fundy Rocks Motel and Chocolate River Restaurant* and Broadleaf Guest Ranch** opened their doors during a recent outage. When the community comes together in this way, it makes these events much more bearable and safe for everyone.

Information on what you can do to prepare yourself can be found at www.getprepared.gc.ca. There is information on how to make an emergency plan and what your survival kit should contain. The Province of New Brunswick's Emergency Measures Organization website also has useful information on what you can do to prepare, what to do during an emergency and, most importantly, good information on the risks associated with carbon monoxide. You can visit New Brunswick Emergency Measures website at www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/emo.html.

If you would like more information about emergency planning in your community, please do not hesitate to reach out to your municipal office.

Village of Alma: 887-6123

Village of Hillsborough: 734-3773

Village of Riverside-Albert: 882-3022

You can also reach out to the Tri-Community Emergency Measures Coordinator, Bob Rochon at rochonb@gmail.com or by requesting a telephone contact through your respective municipality.

*Wayne Gaskin of Fundy Rocks Motel and Chocolate River Restaurant, Cottages & Campground told Connecting Albert County on Dec. 22, 2018, "If we have power and others do not, we will open our door in the restaurant and motel for free."

**According to Broadleaf Guest Ranch in December 2018, "Broadleaf is happy to welcome folks for hot showers during a power outage. Just call first (882-2349) or stop by the office. You can also plug in your devices for recharging. Our office staff is excellent at commiseration as well!"

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Albert County Community Health Centre News

The Albert County Health and Wellness Centre has changed its name to Albert County Community Health Centre. The change reflects the facility's mandate as a community health centre within Horizon Health Network and is part of a strategic plan for Primary Health Care to create more consistency across community health centres.

Albert County Community Health Centre

Telephone: 882-3100

Hours Mon.-Thurs. 7:00am-4:30pm ; Fri. 8:00am-4:30pm

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Hillsborough (2807 Main St.): Tues. & Thurs. 8:30-11:30am

***The Bennett and Albert County Health Care (BACH) Foundation
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Coming back to her roots

By Lauren Tingley

Growing up, I loved to do hair. I would brush and braid my dolls hair, and even sneak scissors into the bathroom to cut the hair and flush it down the toilet to hide the evidence that I just hacked off my brand new Barbie's blonde mane. Fortunately for my clients, I have since improved a bit!

I grew up in Hopewell Cape, where wearing rubber boots and a ponytail was true Albert County fashion. I found myself doing my teammates' hair before every basketball game, fixing my friends hair before class started, and twisting my arms into painful positions just to learn a new braid. I found my passion in making someone feel beautiful when they look in the mirror. Throughout my life, people encouraged what I loved to do.

Yet when I was graduating high school, all of a sudden a lot of people had an opinion on what I should do and who I could be. I heard things like "Your grades are too high. You don't want to go to hair school. You won't make any money as a hairdresser." Everyone was telling me what I wanted to do was not *good* enough! It was sublevel.

So what did I do? I did what many of us do. I listened to the crowd. I took time off, I worked, I saved, and I realized there was nothing more I wanted to do than follow my dream.

As a young adult, "there's no place like home" rang so clearly. I knew I wanted to build my future on the same ground my roots were in, Albert County. That meant my business too. I wanted to



Lauren Tingley

benefit the well-being of our community and its future while using my own personal talents. The more amenities we have, big or small, the more we are able to grow and thrive as a community. I'm not going to lie and say it was a piece of cake, but it has taught me so much and continues to do so.

I opened my pride and joy, LT Hair Design on Main Street in Hillsborough in 2017. I have the community to thank for the support of my business and in making it successful. As a now small, local business owner, there is nothing I feel more strongly about than to support the ones around us. I encourage more young people in our area to take pride in "the little piece of heaven" we call home. I, like anyone else, am just a girl who decided to go for it.



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Lobster fishers stay rainy day ready by OMISTA Credit Union (May 2017)

*Just a drop in the ocean...Plenty of fish in the sea... Don't rock the boat...*The fishing industry is responsible for some of the most common and widely-used English sayings, but the popular saying most relevant to the fishing community: saving up for a rainy day.

Joanne Butland [recently retired] has been involved in the fishing business for 33 years. She's experienced good times, bad times and everything in between.

"I've been in it so many years that I don't know anything else. It's a lifestyle," says Butland.

After what many consider a full career, Butland still looks forward to the start of lobster season in Alma. She says the unpredictability of the industry can be scary, but is also quite thrilling.

"There's always the excitement of whether there's going to be lobsters in the trap or whether there's not," says Butland. "Although I've been doing the same job for over three decades, no year is ever the same and I love that about being a lobster fisher."

This means some years are very good for business and some years are not.

"Price was really poor for a number of years, so you had to be very efficient. You had to stay on top of your revenue and keep your expenses in check," says Butland. "It all depends if the lobsters are going to be there and what is the price going to be—and the weather! You literally have to save up for a rainy day."

Butland says the key to success is maintaining a good relationship with a financial institution and making sure you carefully plan ahead.

"You need to stockpile some of your earnings for equipment upgrades, repairs and poor seasons—that kind of stuff," says Butland. "We can't just say, 'this year we want to increase sales by 10 per cent.' We just don't have that option in lobster fishing."

Butland joined OMISTA Credit Union in 2003 to seek advice before financing a new boat. She's been with them ever since and says her banking experience is unlike anything she's experienced in the past.

"It sounds simple, but I really like the fact that you call OMISTA and get a person. It's not so easy these days," says Butland. "You don't have to swipe your card when you go in the door; they know who you are. It's a different atmosphere than I get from other banks and has always been no matter what credit union representative was taking care of me."




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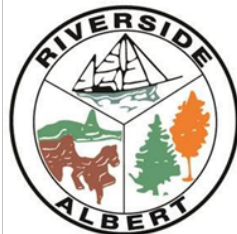


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OMISTA Credit Union in Albert County? *By Trisha Leaver*

Credit unions have a long history of helping communities prosper by providing homeowners, small business owners, farmers, and fishers with access to vital capital. OMISTA has been there for the good days and helped weather the storm when needed in unpredictable industries like lobster fishing. Working for yourself can feel risky at times, having someone in your corner can mean a lot.

Volunteering is a natural piece of who we are as Atlantic Canadians. The importance of volunteering and being committed to where we live are values held by credit unions as well. Through the Each One Teach One initiative, volunteer OMISTA employees have met and worked with youth and adults from numerous organizations to increase their financial knowledge, skills and confidence. The workshops are delivered to members and non-members in their commu-

nities to empower them to make the right financial decisions for themselves and their families.

One of the biggest differences about doing your banking with a credit union is that you are a member of a credit union, not just a customer. But what does membership mean anyway? And why should you care?

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customers, they have a say in the operations, and members' money stays local to enhance economic strength and support communities.

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OMISTA in Albert County

A second Town Hall meeting is planned for residents of the Alma, Riverside-Albert, and Hillsborough areas on Tues., Jan. 29, 6:30-8:30pm at the Hillsborough Kiwanis Center. Everyone is welcome. This will be an opportunity to learn more about what services OMISTA can offer the area, as well as gauge the level of much-needed, additional support from residents. OMISTA's temporary pop-up at the Hillsborough Visitor Information Centre will re-open Thurs., Jan. 31.

"To deliver on our vision of a mutually beneficial partnership to provide on-going banking services to these communities, we need residents and businesses to show their desire to use our services," says CEO Tammy Christopher. "To date we have had a few residents bring their business to us, but a bigger demand is needed to support our ongoing work."

Trisha Leaver, OMISTA's Senior Marketing Manager, has a passion for sharing the credit union difference and empowering New Brunswickers to choose a better way to bank.



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Fundy Curling Club *by Alan Demaline*

December was a busy month at the Fundy Curling Club with Santa arriving early and his elves unpacking our brand new ice plant! With the help of the elves and a dedicated team of volunteers, the new plant is up and running, and ice will be ready during the first week of January. The club also hosted a fundraising dance for playground equipment at the Riverside Consolidated School; this was a great success in helping raise funds for this community project. Chase the Ace continues in partnership with the CCRC at the club on Friday nights and the jackpot is over \$4,000.

The club is holding a **free** afternoon of curling for non-members Saturday, Jan. 5th (see page 11).

Membership is on the rise at the club and we hope to welcome you back as a returning member or as a new member. Mixed mens and ladies is on Monday afternoons, as well as Tuesday and Friday

evenings, with our mens league on Thursday evenings. You can choose to curl on as many days of the week as you like for the same great price. Fundy Curling Club rates include HST and have the added bonus of membership in Curl NB and Curl Canada. Rates are Single- \$145, Couples- \$278.50, Family- \$308.50 and Youth \$41.50. These rates are the most affordable of any curling club in New Brunswick and come with a guarantee of a great time all season long!

If you are looking for a prime location to advertise your business, the Fundy Curling Club has just the right spot for you! Sign rental space can offer your business great exposure to our members and to curlers from visiting clubs at a reasonable price.

We look forward to you being part of a wonderful season of curling. Follow Fundy Curling Club on Facebook for the latest news and happenings.

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**Thank you, Albert County,
for making 2018 a year to
remember!**

Our government has made historic investments to create vitality in Albert County communities this year, including important repair work to the Alma harbour, shoreline protection and a new boardwalk at Fundy National Park, the completion of the Hillsborough Arena, and investments in the water system in Riverside-Albert in order to eliminate a years-long boil order.

I look forward to continuing to deliver on your priorities in 2019!

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Community Calendar ~ January 2019

Thursday January 3

Kids Cartooning 2:00-3:30pm

Hillsborough Public Library

All ages and ability levels welcome.

A cartooning event to learn some tips and practice your cartooning!

- *Friends of the Hillsborough Arena-Chase the Ace 4:30-7:30pm
- *Country & Gospel Music 7pm

Friday January 4

***Technology Assistance 10am**

***Let's Get Crafty (Registration required) 2-3pm** Hillsborough Public Library. Ages 7 and up. Get creative with a fun DIY craft!

- *Chase the Ace Riverside-Albert 6-7:30pm
- *Alma Card Games 6:30-8:30pm

Saturday January 5

***STEAM Drop-in 10am-noon**

Free Curling 1-4pm

Experienced curlers will be on hand at the Fundy Curling Club to offer instruction. Open to anyone who would like to come out and try this great sport in a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere. All you need to bring are warm clothes and clean sneakers. If you have never curled before or have not been at it for a while, please come out and join us for a fun-filled afternoon.

Sunday January 6

New Year's Levee at the Ranch

Broadleaf Guest Ranch Restaurant. 9am hike. 9am-2pm: Broadleaf's famous Brunch Buffet. 12-2pm: Sleigh Rides (\$5). Free Family Winter Activities. Snow Sculpture Contest. Meet & greet with MLA Mike Holland.

Monday January 7

***Microsoft Word and Excel 6:30-8:00pm** Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11
Free; pre-registration is required.

***Pickleball 6:30pm – 8:30pm**

Tuesday January 8

***Toddler Time 10:30-11:30am**

***Story Time 1:30-2:30pm**

***Build With Us 2:15-4:30pm**

Wednesday January 9

North of 55 Seniors Group .10:00-11:30am. Family Room at Hillsborough Baptist Church. Bring a friend and/or neighbour to enjoy snacks, games, stories and much more every 2 wks. For info contact Nettie Steeves at 506-380-2901.

***Toddler Time 10:30-11:30am**

***Shepody Food Bank 1-3pm**

***Hillsborough Kiwanis Bingo 5:30pm-8:30pm**

Thursday January 10

***Story Time 2pm-3pm**

***Friends of the Hillsborough Arena**

Chase the Ace 4:30-7:30pm

***Country & Gospel Music 7pm**

Friday January 11

***Technology Assistance 10am**

***Arts & Crafts 3:30-4:30pm**

***Chase the Ace - Riverside-Albert 6:00-7:30pm**

***Alma Card Games 6:30-8:30pm**

Saturday January 12

Teen Craft (Registration Required) 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Hillsborough Public Library

Ages 13 and up. Refresh dry skin with a fun winter DIY.

Monday January 14

***Microsoft Word and Excel (6-week course) 6:30pm – 8:00pm**

***Pickleball 6:30pm – 8:30pm**

Tuesday January 15

***Toddler Time 10:30-11:30am**

***Story Time 1:30pm – 2:30pm**

***Build With Us 2:15- 4:30pm**

Wednesday January 16

***Toddler Time 10:30- 11:30am**

***Shepody Food Bank 1-3pm**

***After School Chess 3:30pm**

***Hillsborough Kiwanis Bingo 5:30**

***French Language Café 6:30-pm** Pre-registration required.

Thursday January 17

Cooking for One-Let's start with a chicken! 12:30-4pm. Free but pre-registration is required, call

882-2573 or 875-8172. Riverside Consolidated School. Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee presents: Cooking and Communicating, Laughing and Licking the Spoon! Do you sometimes hate the idea of cooking a meal for one? Wonder what to do with leftovers? Join us for fun, fellowship and delicious meals--how could you say no? Absolutely free! Men and women (ages 19+) welcome. Learn to cook delicious dishes from a whole chicken to a pot of soup. Working together, we will each take home containers of meals for the fridge or freezer. Containers & ingredients will be supplied.

***French Conversation 3-4pm**

***Friends of the Hillsborough Arena Chase the Ace 5:30pm**

***Country & Gospel Music 7pm**

Friday January 18

***Technology Assistance 10am**

***Chase the Ace Riverside-Albert 6:00-7:30pm**

***Alma Card Games 6:30-8:30pm**

Saturday January 19

***STEAM Drop-in 10am-noon**

Monday January 21

***Microsoft Word & Excel 6:30pm**

***Pickleball 6:30pm – 8:30pm**

***Recurring Events on pg. 12**

Tuesday January 22

- *Toddler Time 10:30-11:30am
- *Story Time 1:30-2:30pm
- *Build With Us 2:30-4:30pm

Wednesday January 23

- *Toddler Time 10:00-11:30am
- *Shepody Food Bank 1-3pm
- *Hillsborough Kiwanis Bingo 5:30pm
- *French Language Café 6:30pm

Thursday January 24

- *Story Time 2:00pm – 3:00pm
- *Friends of the Hillsborough Ar-ena Chase the Ace 4:30-7:30pm
- *Country & Gospel Music 7pm

Friday January 25

- *Technology Assistance 10am
- *Arts & Crafts 3:30-4:30pm
- *Chase the Ace Riverside-Albert 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- *Alma Card Games 6:30-8:30pm

Saturday January 26

Adult Craft (Registration required) 2-3:30pm Hillsborough Library. Ages 19+. Get creative with DIY Winter Coasters.

Sunday January 27

Cultivating Climate Resilience: Grower Experiences & Adaptation. 1-4pm Have you been thinking about how climate change could impact your garden, farm or the local farmers who grow your food? The challenging effects of climate change are being felt by Maritime growers. We are experiencing changing and less predictable growing conditions, along with strong storms and floods that put farmland and infrastructure at risk. This afternoon of open discussion, special guests, adaptation strategies and info on what we should expect as the climate changes in our region is the first of a series of Climate Change Workshops hosted by

Foods of the Fundy Valley, ACORN and friends. If you are a beekeeper, producer, home gardener, homesteader, small scale farmer or interested in how the changing climate affects the production of the food you eat, join the discussion. Pre-register online (acornclimate-fundy.event brite.ca) for \$8.50 or \$10 at the door. Snacks will be provided. Held at Farmer Browns Greenhouse.

Monday January 28

- *Microsoft Word & Excel 6:30-8pm
- *Pickleball 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Tuesday January 29

- *Toddler Time 10:30-11:30am
- *Story Time 1:30-2:30pm
- *Build With Us 2:15-4:30pm

OMISTA Credit Union Town Hall Meeting 6:30-8:30pm

Hillsborough Kiwanis Centre

For residents of the Alma, Riverside-Albert, and Hillsborough areas. Everyone is welcome. See page 9.

Wednesday January 30

- *Toddler Time 10:00-11:30am
- *Shepody Food Bank 1-3pm
- *After School Chess 3:30pm
- *Hillsborough Kiwanis Bingo 5:30
- *French Language Café 6:30-7:30

Thursday January 31

- *French Conversation 3-4pm
- *Friends of the Hillsborough Arena Chase the Ace 4:30-7:30pm
- *Country & Gospel Evening 7-9pm

Check out our online calendar & add events at www.ConnectingAlbertCounty.org/calendar

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Save the Date

Thursday February 7

Cooking for One - How about Hamburger? 12:30-4:00pm Preregistration required, call 882-2573 or 875-8172. At Riverside Consolidated School. Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee presents: Cooking and Communicating, Laughing and Licking the Spoon! Do you sometimes hate the idea of cooking a meal for one? Wonder what to do with leftovers? Fun, fellowship and delicious meals: how could you say no? Absolutely free! Men and women from ages 19+ welcome. Let's do something with hamburger that has you saying Yum! instead of Yawn. Working together, we'll each take home containers of meals for the fridge or freezer. Containers and ingredients will be supplied.

Saturday February 17

Albert County Winter Carnival Hillsborough Kiwanis Centre

Free hot chocolate, coffee, bottled water, maple taffy treats & free horse-drawn wagon rides and live entertainment. Activities include Chili Cook-Off, Shinny Hockey Game (Oldtimers vs. Young Guns), Family Skating, Bonfire, Marshmallow Roasting, Crafts, Vintage Snowmobile Show & Shine, Chainsaw Wood Carving Demonstration, etc.

Recurring events

Microsoft Word and Excel. 6:30-8pm Mondays Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11 **Pre-registration is required**, call 882-2573 or 875-8172. This free 6-week course at Riverside Consolidated School is designed for those who have some knowledge of Excel and Word, and want to ex-

pand on that base. 3 evenings are devoted to Excel and 3 to Word. It is best if you can bring your own laptop; if not possible, you can use a computer in the school lab. Presented by Bob & Lynn Greenblatt.

Pickleball: 6:30-8:30pm Every Monday Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre. Sport for all ages. \$2/night-First night is free!

Toddler Time: Weds.10-11:30am Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & 10:30-11:30am Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29. Hillsborough Library. Up to ages 4. Children and guardians are invited for a fun time of play and socialization.

Shepody Food Bank: 1-3pm Every Wednesday. Albert County Community Health Centre. Clients must bring Medicare #'s for every household member. Closed when schools are closed due to weather.

Hillsborough Kiwanis Bingo Every Wednesday. Hillsborough Kiwanis Club. Doors open at 5:30pm, games begin at 6:30pm.

French Language Café 6:30-7:30pm January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20. Pre-registration required: call 882-2573 or 875-8172. Riverside Consolidated School (at back). Absolutely free! Looking for a way to practice your French language skills in a relaxed informal setting? If you already have a French as a 2nd language background, join Chantal, Mathieu & Barb. Coffee, tea and sweets provided!

Story Time: Thurs.1:30-2:30pm Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29; 2-3pm Jan. 10, 24 Hillsborough Public Library. Up to ages 5. Children and guardians are invited for stories, crafts, and more!

Build With Us: Thurs. 2:15-4:30pm. Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29. Hillsborough Public Library. Ages 5 & up.

Try different building materials: Mega Blocks, Duplo, Lego, K'ne etc.

French Conversation Circle: 3-4pm Thurs. Jan. 17, 31 Hillsborough Public Library. All ages. Practice French in a no-pressure environment. All ability levels are welcome! Note that this is not a class.

Friends of the Hillsborough Arena - Chase the Ace. Every Thurs. Hillsborough Golf Course. Raffle tickets 3 for \$5. No need to be present to win but you must leave 2 telephone numbers where you can be reached if your ticket is drawn. You can buy tickets outside the restaurant during the week or from committee members (Bev White, Chad&Katrina McLean, Jason Holmden, Jason Pugh, Tracey&Peter Bryant, David Simpson, Josh&Natasha Collier). Proceeds for upgrades and improvements to the Hillsborough Arena. Lottery license: 105710456 003. Doors open 5:30pm, games start 6:30pm.

Country & Gospel Music Evening 7-9pm Every Thursday. \$7 Hillsborough Kiwanis Club. Featuring the Rocky Cape Band with Jerry Richard, Darrell MacAulay, Willis McKinley, Charles O'Hara, Hazel Bulman, Tom Gould, David Smith & Ken Eagles+ guests. Open mic: join us with your singing voice and/or instrument.

Technology Assistance. 10am-noon. Fri. Jan.4, 11, 18, 25 Hillsborough Library. All ages. Drop by for help with new or old technology.

STEAM Drop-in: 10am -noon. Fri. Jan. 5, 19. Hillsborough Library. Ages 7+. Activities and experiments in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics!

Chase the Ace - Riverside-Albert 6-7:30pm Every Friday. Fundy Curling Club. Joint effort of CCRC & Fundy Curling Club to raise money for curling club upgrades & lifelong learning center at Riverside Consolidated School. 3 tickets/\$5. Info: 882-2573, 882-2052, 882-2626.

Alma Weekly Card Games. 6:30-8:30pm Every Friday. Alma Leisure Centre. All ages welcome. Playing Auction 45. Refreshments served.

After-School Chess Club. 3:30-4:30pm. Fri. Jan. 16, 30. Hillsborough Library. Children ages 7+ compete in a friendly chess tournament! All skill levels welcome!

Arts & Crafts. 3:30-4:30pm Jan. 11, 25. Hillsborough Public Library Children ages 5 and up. Show off your creative side with a fun craft!

Addresses

Albert County Community Health Centre 8 Forestdale Rd, Riverside-Albert

Alma Leisure Centre, 8564 Main St., Alma

Broadleaf Guest Ranch Restaurant, 5526 Route 114, Hopewell Hill

Farmer Browns Greenhouse 371 Osborne Corner Rd., Dawson Settlement

Fundy Curling Club, 16 Mill St, Riverside-Albert

Hillsborough Baptist Church, 26 Braam Crescent, Hillsborough

Hillsborough Golf Course, 443 Golf Club Rd, Hillsborough

Hillsborough Kiwanis Club, 47 Legion St, Hillsborough

Hillsborough Public Library, 2849 Main St, Hillsborough

Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre, 9 Bicentennial Rd, Riverside-Albert

Riverside Consolidated School, 90 Water Street, Riverside-Albert

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