

Whenever It's December

Whenever it's December and I think about the year, both the one that's almost over and the one that's nearly here,

I recall how, in the springtime, all of nature was transformed, as the flowers started blooming and the winter weather warmed.

Then the summer followed springtime; how the months went by so fast! I had thought the long and sunny days would last, and last, and last.

But the summer turned to autumn and the leaves began to blow. I could tell that pretty soon we would be blanketed in snow.

Now it's once again December and the days are growing colder. I'm another twelve months wiser and another twelve months older.



And I dream about the new year and the old one I remember. It's the way I like to celebrate whenever it's December.

- Kenn Nesbitt

Inside:

Business of the Month ~ 3

Person of the Month ~ 4

Curling Club News ~ 6

Election of Fundy Albert ~ 8

Excellence in Aging Award ~ 9

Welcome Back Harvey Hall ~ 10

ACHS President's Message ~ 12

Christmas Market Season ~ 13

NB Senior Citizens' Federation ~ 18

Youth Writing Column ~ 20

Community Events ~ 22

CAC Supporters ~ 24



Connecting Albert County

December 2022 Vol. 8. No. 12 ISSN 2369-1174/1182 (digital)

Our Mission: Building connections and fostering pride of place and culture in rural Albert County by publishing in print & online.

Connecting Albert County Inc. is a registered non-profit organization.

Connecting Albert County Board of Directors:

Heather Alward, Kim Beers, Julia Galbraith, Shannon Gaythorpe, Lisa Henderson

CAC part-time coordinator/ editor: Amanda Rossiter

Contributors: Don Bowman, Alan Demaline, Lise Guinard, Dawne McLean, Brooklyn Rossiter, Amanda Rossiter and Kelly Taylor.

To volunteer with CAC, advertise, donate, submit articles or letters, email info@ ConnectingAlbertCounty.org or mail CAC, 8 Forestdale Rd.,

Riverside-Albert, NB E4H 3Y7

Letters and articles may be edited. Statements in our publication and website do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of Connecting Albert County's volunteers and staff.

Subscribe to our free monthly e-magazine (and see past issues) at <u>ConnectingAlbert</u>
<u>County.org/e-magazine</u>

Twitter @CountyAlbert Instagram County.Albert

Like us at <u>www.facebook.com/</u> <u>ConnectingAlbertCounty</u>

<u>Community Member &</u> <u>Business of the Month Nominations</u>

Do you know a person or business in the communities within Albert County who goes above and beyond what is expected of them? Who supports the community whenever the opportunity arises and who is always willing to help people or groups in need? Why not nominate that person or business for some small recognition in print in the new columns in the Connecting Albert County "Community Member of the Month" and "Community Business of the Month." All nominations are being received via email to info@connectingalbertcounty.org. Please include the name and address of the person you are nominating, as well as your own name and address. Also include a description of what makes this person or business special and a pillar in the community. If possible, please include a photo as well. We look forward to hearing from you.

Community Member of the Month ~ Nomination

(Email all nominations to info@connectingalbertcounty.org)

Name of Nominee:

Address of Nominee:
Name of Nominator:
Address of Nominator:
Please give a description of what you believe qualifies this person to be recognized as the Community Member of the Month for Albert County. (500-750 words) (If possible, please include a photo of the person as well.)
Community Business of the Month ~ Nomination
(Email all nominations to info@connectingalbertcounty.org)
Name of Nominee:
Address of Nominee:
Name of Nominator:
Address of Nominator:

Please give a description of what you believe qualifies this business to be recognized as the Community Business of the Month for Albert County. (500-750 words) (If possible, please include a photo of the business as well.)

Community Business of the Month

Alma Fleet Launch





This month's recipient of Community business of the month is the Alma Fleet Launch.

Although the Alma Fleet Launch is not a single business as it comprises many proud fishermen, their families and the community, we should take a moment to celebrate this event.

The Fleet Launch marks the beginning of the Alma-based fleet's permission to enter the Bay of Fundy to start the fall lobster season. This event started in October and runs until December 31st. We wish all the fishermen the best for a safe and prosperous season. The fleet consists of about 10 local fishermen and others, who call Alma their home, join in as the season progresses.

This huge undertaking involves many hours of hard cold labor with baiting traps, setting or lowering them into the Bay, retrieving them a few days later, and sorting to insure only lobsters of minimum size are kept. Once all is complete, the traps are re-baited and the whole cycle starts again. These vessels have a captain and three crew

members to complete all the tasks required for the two plus months and each earns a share of the catch based on how many lobsters are caught.

Being many decades old the Alma Fleet Launch has always been a time-honored event celebrated by local lobstermen and women and has served to build strength in the entire Alma community. For the last 10 years, the Alma Fleet Launch's excitement has been shared and continues to grow, having many community-supported events for local families and visitors to enjoy while learning more about the lobster trade. Having fireworks, live bands and many other activities while crews and family prepare for the season is truly a special time and feeling.

Alma's entire community is very open and welcoming to all to see, enjoy and be part of the lobstering celebration.

Please stay warm and safe.

Community Member of the Month

December - In Memory of the late Lois Snider

This month's recipient of Community Member of the Month is the late Lois Snider of Hillsborough.

Lois is remembered for being a loving wife to her husband, Vaughn, and an amazing mother who was happiest when with her four children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Many people of the community have lasting memories of Lois as she was a strong supporting member of many local events, clubs and organizations.

At one time someone told Lois that we couldn't have a Santa Clause parade in Hillsborough, which made her even more determined to make it happen!

The parade was a true community event, drawing people from communities near and far and truly focused on children. Lois would take special care to make sure that the candy Santa would hand out was available not only for the children of the community, but also for others who came to enjoy this very special event.

The community supported Lois with the Santa Clause parade for years right up until the year Covid caused the parade to shut down.
Unfortunately, Lois passed away during Covid and the event seemed to be finished forever.

We are very fortunate to have another community leader come from the ever-giving Snider family. Lois's daughter, Becky, has stepped up to share The Lois Snider Santa Claus Parade in Hillsborough again! The support from the Albert County community and surrounding areas will make this an event for both children and adults to attend and enjoy.



Everyone is welcome on December 3rd, 2022, to come to the village of Hillsborough and enjoy The Lois Snider Santa Claus Parade that will run along Main Street starting at the school parking lot and begin around 6:00pm.

When the parade is finished everyone is welcome to join Santa at the Hillsborough Kiwanis Community Centre for picture taking and candy bags for the children.

Thank you to the many volunteers, community supporters and parade participants, with a special thank you to Becky for sharing both your mother's and your love for the community and children everywhere.



Fundy Curling Club Early Season News

by Alan Demaline

The Fundy Curling Club (FCC) has had a busy off season putting on a new metal roof, upgrading the attic insulation and adding LED lighting above the ice surface. Now it is time to get out on the ice and have some fun! This is your opportunity to enroll in our Adult Learn to Curl program or enroll your child in our Little Rocks Curling program and discover all you wanted to know about curling, but were afraid to ask!

We are thrilled that Little Rocks Curling is back for children aged 6-12. This exciting program covers all aspects of curling for the younger members of the community. From sliding on the ice delivering curling stones to the basic rules of the game, this program has a focus on having fun. The FCC has two full sets of Little Rocks curling stones, kid-size curling brooms and foot sliders so all the necessary curling equipment is provided. Our on-ice instructors will ensure a fun, relaxed and safe atmosphere for all our eager young participants. All your child requires to play are a clean pair of sneakers to change into at the club, warm flexible clothes and a bike, hockey or ski helmet. The ten week program will operate on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:00pm starting on

January 8. We will also have an end of season party to celebrate all the kids' on-ice achievements. The cost to participate is \$50.00 per child, including tax. Pre-registration is required and the number of participants is limited. To avoid disappointment be sure to sign up your child as soon as possible.



Our Adult Learn to Curl is also back for another season. Have you been watching curling on television and thought that it looks like a blast and should give it a go? Are you looking for a way to get some exercise through the winter months? Perhaps you want to meet some new folks in the area while participating in a fun and social activity that can last a lifetime. If any or all of the above sounds like you, then the



Village of Riverside-Albert

5823 King Street Riverside-Albert, NB E4H 4B4

Office: (506) 882-3022

Fax: (506) 882-3016

Email: jillianhutchinson@riversidealbert.com



2849 Main St Unit 1 Hillsborough NB E4H 2X7 (506) 734-3733 www.villageofhillsborough.ca

Village of Hillsborough

Robert Rochon–Mayor Jeff Jonah–Councillor Jeff Land–Councillor Melody Land–Councillor

Trent A. Steeves-Councillor



FCC Adult Learn to Curl is just the ticket. In the program you will learn the basics of the game including sliding, rock delivery, sweeping, scoring and so much more. By the end of the sessions you will be able to amaze your friends and family by using terms like hog line, hack, tee line and you just might start to shout at random folks to Hurry Hard as they cross the street. Curious? Great! Here are the details to be sure you get out and try the fantastic sport of curling this December. The program consists of three evening sessions on December 6th, 7th and 8th each from 6:30 to 8:30pm. All the necessary curling equipment is provided so all you need to bring are some warm flexible clothes and a

Hon. Mike Holland Minister MLA-Albert

1037 Rte 114 Lower Coverdale, NB E1J 1A1 Constituency Office: (506) 856-4961

mike.holland@gnb.ca

clean pair of sneakers to change into at the club. The cost to participate is \$50.00, including tax. At the end of the three nights we know you will have had such a great time that you will want to join the Fundy Curling Club as a member and get into league play. As an added bonus and a thank you for trying out our Adult Learn to Curl program, should you decide to become a member, \$30.00 of your program fee will be put towards the cost of a season membership to the club. Pre-registration is required and the number of participants is limited. To avoid disappointment be sure to sign up as soon as possible.

For more information on either of the above programs, or to register for one of the programs please contact Alan at eademailne@gmail.com or call 882-1182. Thanks and hope to see you on the ice!

Five Generations of Family

Care

Albert County Funeral Home

Serving the Community for over 100 years

Licensed Directors: Lisa Henderson & Casey Hoar

Address: 4130 Route 114, Hopewell Cape, N.B. E4H-3K2

Phone: (506) 734-2780

Email: albertcofh@gmail.com

Website: www.albertcountyfh.com

First Election of Fundy Albert

The Municipality of Fundy Albert

by Amanda Rossiter

Change is upon us with the newly elected municipality of Fundy Albert.

At the time of this newsletter's publication, the elected members were not officially announced yet; therefore, they are not published in this month's newsletter. However, we will have the official list in January's edition of Connecting Albert County.

I would like to personally thank all the candidates who put their names forward in this election process. It is not an easy thing to put yourselves out there in that way, but it is appreciated that you were all willing to do so for the betterment of the community that you live in. Growing up in a household with a father who was a village councillor for over 20 years, I can appreciate the work that goes into being a councillor and I wish the new Mayor and Council a smooth transition into this new larger territory. You're lucky enough to represent what

I believe is the best municipality in all of New Brunswick because Fundy Albert is filled with many community organizations that work to improve the area and the activities for the residents who live here.

I would also like to thank all the constituents who exercised their right to vote in this election. It is you for whom the council members will be working so it is important that you have your say in local representation. I invite every newly elected official to send us a plan of what you hope to achieve on the first council of Fundy Albert. What do you think needs to be the priorities and what are you most looking forward to? This information can be sent (prior to December 15) to info@connectingalbertcounty.com to be published in the January edition of the newsletter.



www.ConnectingAlbertCounty.org ~ 8

Urban/Rural Rides Given Lieutenant-Governor's Award for Excellence in Aging

by Kelly Taylor



On February 15th, Urban/Rural Rides received the Lieutenant-Governor's Award for Excellence in Aging during the Aging Care and Research Symposium in Fredericton. The Honourable Brenda Murphy (right) presented the award to Kelly Taylor, Executive Director of Urban/Rural Rides (left), and Kirstin Shortt, President of the Board of Directors (middle).

The organization had two nominations. One by Jana Jones of Silvermark and the other by Susanne White, Social Inclusion and Community Development Coordinator, Fredericton Region.

Jana Jones from Silvermark, who nominated Urban/Rural Rides for the award, gave a touching speech about why she nominated the program and how, in the short time she has been aware of it, since mid 2021, she has witnessed how it changes lives and has impacted hers as well. The recording of her speech is available on the Urban/Rural Rides Facebook page.

Both Shortt and Taylor expressed appreciation to the Lieutenant-Governor, those who nominated the organization and those in attendance at the event for recognizing the value and contribution volunteer driving programs bring to communities and older adults.

Taylor went on to express gratitude for the recognition of the tireless effort the volunteer drivers, the staff and the board of directors invest in the program to provide safe, affordable transportation to seniors in New Brunswick. She shared that, throughout the years, there are many stories of how the service has helped older adults stay in their homes longer, thus avoiding nursing homes and long-term care facilities, how many friendships have been formed between drivers and clients, how many drivers report an increased sense of purpose and joy by helping others, and how many clients report a sense of belonging and value because someone cares.

Taylor said "It is more than just a ride.
Together we are changing lives one ride at a time."

Urban/Rural Rides is always looking to add more amazing volunteers to their team. If you would like to be part of a team that is making a real impact in the lives of people in the community, you can contact Urban/Rural Rides to volunteer at 999-2102, email gfaurbanruralrides@gmail.com or visit the website at http://urbanruralrides.ca



Welcome Back to Harvey Hall

by Don Bowman

Saturday, November 19th, 2022 was a special day for Harvey Hall. It was the last in a series of community volunteer efforts to help to restore Harvey Hall to a heart of events held in Albert County.

November 19th, 2022 was the last call for volunteer help and saw the completion of the usable emergency exit door that includes a railway tie stairway, new lights for the interior, and clean-up of debris, setup of chairs, stage, and final beautification, all to welcome guests and music back to the hall.

The efforts by countless volunteers over the last few months are why the hall was opened on November 26th, 2022 for the first time in many years to welcome the performance of Duane Andrews and The Hot Club of Conception Bay featuring Jim Blewett, Tim Isaac and Erin Power. The fine acoustics of Harvey Hall complemented Duane's newest album that features Django Reinhardt's jazz classics.

The music filled the hall and was felt by all who attended. This was an amazing way to reopen Harvey Hall sharing the talents of these fine artists. If you missed this, keep an eye open for events like this one that will be scheduled in 2023.

Although the project has brought the hall back to the ability to be used for shows like this, the spring of 2023 will be the start of another call to help with the continued effort to restore this magnificent building, making it a travel destination not only for the beauty of Mary's Point, but also an Albert County treasure again.

ALBERT COUNTY PHARMACY Guardian

Feeling Better Starts Here

Save Smart, Shop Local.

Albert County Pharmacy would like to wish all our clients a healthy and very Merry Christmas, and a healthy and Happy New Year!

Thank you for your support all year long, and we look forward to serving you in 2023!

Facebook.com/AlbertCountyPharmacy

Store Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 - 5:30

ALBERT COUNTY PHARMACY 5883 King Street, Riverside-Albert, NB, E4H 4B5

Ph: (506) 882-2226 Fax: (506) 882-2101

Thank you again for another learning experience and some amazing home-cooked food.

Final Albert County Crew of 2022 Included:

Steve Chrysostom - Alma

Stephen Marshall - Harvey

Jane Chrysostom - Alma

Don Wilbur - New Horton

Melissa Wilbur - New Horton

John Ereaux - Alma

Debbie James - Lower Cape

Sharon Campbell - Waterside

Jeremy Wilbur - New Horton

Peter Brzezicki - Riverside-Albert

Daphne Leblanc - Harvey Bank

Don Bowman - Hillsborough Desi LeBlanc - Harvey Bank





Christmas Greetings from ACHS President

by Dawne McLean President of Albert County Historical Society

This vintage "pop-up" Christmas card is a personal family treasure that was sent to my Wright grandparents by my great aunt Bessie who lived in Massachusetts. I wanted to share this special card with my Christmas greeting.

I did my best to photograph this detailed heritage pop-up card to show its 3-D dimension. Vintage cards are so beautiful!



"Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh!"

As 2022 draws to a close, on behalf of the Albert County Historical Society and Museum, I wish to extend "Christmas Greetings" and "Grateful Thanks" for the support received from Society members, organizations, businesses, volunteers and friends within the Albert County communities and region.

The year 2022 celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the Albert County Museum, as well as other memorable celebrations, historic commemorations and enjoyable community events. This resulted in a successful year due to community attendance and participation, and the dedicated work of the Board of Directors and Museum Manager. Special acknowledgement is given to the Government of Canada for providing support to publish the book titled "A Glimpse of Past Days" so that noteworthy pieces of Albert County's past history can be shared and preserved.

Christmas traditions are important in passing on family heritage and creating lasting memories. Enjoy a "Merry Christmas" filled with the joys of the season, the warmth of friendship and the love of family!







The Old Church Farmers' Market

2807 Main Street, Hillsborough

Saturdays 9am to 2pm

Meet friends at The Old Church Farmers Market for Oliver's German Bakery, meats, eggs, farm foods, crafts, knitting, art, jam, syrups, soaps, potions, vegetables, with a spot of music and Buddha Bear coffee.

Christmas Market Season



Christmas Market Season

Christmas Market at the Old Church Farmers Market

Dec. 3rd & 4th 9am-3pm

Visit your favorite vendors at the Market one last time this year at our annual Christmas Market. Keep your gifting local and come support our unique minutes straight out Pine Glen Road. local makers. With hot Buddha Bear coffee on the go and lots to see, you're bound to have a wonderful time and find something for everyone on your list! We look forward to seeing you.



"Christmas on the Farm" Open House

Saturday, Dec. 10th from 10 am to 4 pm

Farmer Brown's invites you to join us as we celebrate our third annual "Christmas On The Farm" event. Enjoy a day at our farm - visiting with the animals, participating in our candy cane hunt, face painting, cookie decorating, Build a Bear, Christmas crafts, tobogganing (if weather permits) and more. For young and old alike, there just may be a special visit from the North Pole!

Cost is \$2.50/person or \$10.00/family.

The pizza oven will be fired up and we will be serving freshly made pizzas with farm grown ingredients along with a variety of other food options, all from the farm. Hot and cold beverages will be available as well. Washrooms will be on site.

Bring friends and family and join in the merry activities as we celebrate "Christmas On The Farm." Lots of photo ops available for young and old alike. So bring your camera!

Farmer Brown's is located at 371 Osborne Corner, Dawson Settlement, approx. 12-14

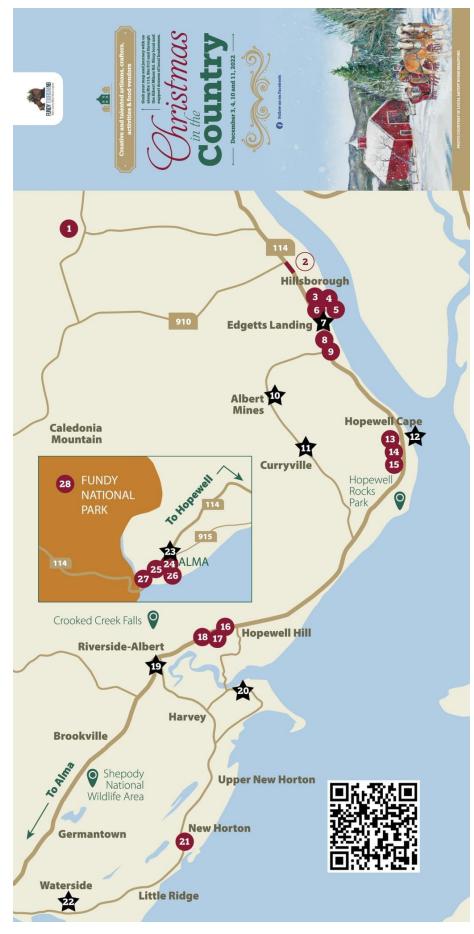


Christmas in the Country

Christmas in the Country is proud to present this year's official list of events! Mark your calendars. This year we celebrate over two great weekends: December 3 & 4 and December 10 & 11.

Grab a friend and your shopping list and help us to support local. Copies of this fantastic list of events are now available at a location near you. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for contests, giveaways and details on what's to come. We hope to see you there.





Stop by and shop our Fundy Studio Tour members this holiday season.

- 1. Farmer Brown's Greenhouse
- 2. Village of Hillsborough
- 3. The Old Church Farmers Market
- 4. A Victorian Christmas at the WH Steeves House Museum
- 5. "The Village Crafters" at the Kiwanis
- 6. Wacky Wonderful Waffles
- 7. Briggs Maples
- 8. The Bird Garden
- 9. Fundy Farms
- 10. Farm Life Studio
- 11. Albert County Clay Co.
- 12. Wendy Johnson Pottery and Art Effects Fine Craft Gallery
- 13. Albert County Museum
- 14. The Pink Church
- 15. Hopewell Rocks
- 16. Broadleaf Ranch
- 17. The Maplegrove Inn
- 18. CCRC Christmas Fair & Market
- 19. Fundy Coast Sea Soap & Sea Salt
- 20. Studio on the Marsh
- 21. Old School Antiques & Woodworking
- 22. Waterside Winery
- 23. Fundy Flutes A Flute for Christmas
- 24. Sapranos Pizza
- 25. Village of Alma Activity Centre
- 26. Collins Lobster Shop
- 27. Friends of Fundy Outpost East and Outpost Alma
- 28. Fundy National Park



Presenting the Albert County Museum Gift Fair Happy to be a part of Christmas in the Country!

Saturday, Dec 3rd - 10am to 5pm Sunday, Dec 4th - 10am to 4pm Photos with Santa on Sunday! - and -

Saturday, Dec 10th - 10am to 5pm Sunday, Dec. 11th - 10am to 4pm

Festive Music - Gifts Galore - Coffee - Food!

Purchase the New Book "A Glimpse of Past Days".

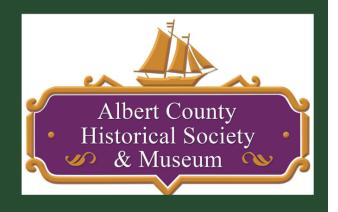
Several vendors under one roof - tables still available!

Books for all ages featuring several local authors.

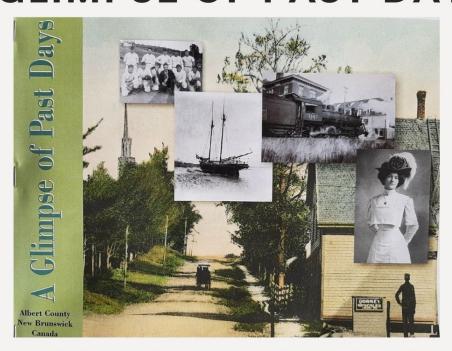
See wintertime artefacts that are over 100 years old.

Albert County Museum 3940 Route 114, Hopewell Cape www.albertcountymuseum.com 506-734-2003 - messages checked daily

Wearing of masks is encouraged. Thank you for staying safe NB!



NEW BOOK!! "A GLIMPSE OF PAST DAYS"



Shares Albert County's Amazing History

HERITAGE PHOTOS, HISTORICAL ACCOUNTS AND PERSONAL MEMORIES

Compiled and written by Dawne McLean
Published by the Albert County Historical Society
Supported by New Horizons for Seniors Program, Government of Canada

A PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT!! BOOKS \$25.00 (TAX INCLUDED)

AVAILABLE AT: ALBERT COUNTY MUSEUM

3940 ROUTE 114, HOPEWELL CAPE
THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS 11AM TO 4PM COMMUNITY HALL (UNTIL DEC 16)
CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY
SATURDAY, DEC 3 - 10AM TO 5PM & SUNDAY, DEC 4- 10AM TO 4PM
SATURDAY, DEC 10 - 10AM TO 5PM & SUNDAY, DEC 11 - 10AM TO 4PM

ROYAL COURT CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

822 COVERDALE ROAD, RIVERVIEW - THURSDAY, DEC 1 - 2 TO 5 PM

CCRC CHRISTMAS MARKET

RIVERSIDE-ALBERT REC CENTRE - SATURDAY, DEC 3 - 9AM TO 4PM

ONLINE - WWW.ALBERTCOUNTYMUSEUM.COM/ONLINEGIFTSHOP ENQUIRIES CALL 734-2003 MUSEUM (CHECKED DAILY)

NEWS FROM THE NEW BRUNSWICK SENIOR CITIZENS' FEDERATION

Submitted by Lise Guinard

For months now seniors have been entering a new reality. For some, it's a release because they can go back to their daily routine. For others, the situation causes even more anxiety, in particular because it is difficult to respect physical distancing.

Now many seniors are getting out and quietly resuming their old lives. Many were able to resume their activities - meeting at the 50+ clubs, playing cards, visiting family and friends (especially in nursing homes), going to the grocery store or pharmacy, and participating in social activities. Unfortunately, many people don't feel like being exposed to too many others at a time. They accept visits, but prefer to be in small groups only. Also, even though the restrictions have been lifted, not everyone is comfortable going on extended outings in public.

This is somewhat the situation experienced by the 50+ clubs in the province. Many have reopened their doors and resumed their activities, dinners and card games, while others are still fearful of gatherings. We are hopeful that everything can return to normal soon. Our seniors are so in need of socialization, especially after all the isolation of the pandemic.

As for the office, the Board of Directors and the standing committees of the New Brunswick Seniors Citizens' Federation (NBSCF), things are going well! On September 27th, the Board of Directors met in Moncton for the first time since the 2022 Annual General Meeting in June. Since this was a great success, it has been determined that the 2023 AGM will once again be held at the "Legends" room of the Moncton Coliseum on Tuesday, May 9th, 2023.

Our new president, Percy Huntington, has been busy visiting several clubs in different areas of the province to participate in meetings or anniversary celebrations. Three of our seniors' clubs celebrated their 50th this year!

At the 2022 AGM, with changes to our Constitution and By-Laws, it was determined that the Strategic Plan should now contain long-term goals to be achieved within a five-year period (rather than 10) and strategic goals within a two-year period (rather than five). The last review of the Strategic Plan was in 2017, so the Board set up an ad hoc committee that met on November 2nd to begin the process of revising the existing Strategic Plan. The standing committees of the NBSCF will now each have to meet in order to discuss their goals within the Strategic Plan. The Marketing and Revenue Generation (President,

New Brunswick Senior Citizens Federation



Fédération des citoyen(ne)s aîné(e)s du Nouveau-Brunswick Doris Pauley) and Programs and Services (President, Gerard Breau) committees will meet shortly, and the Management (President, Gildard Lavoie) and Government Relations (President, James Hanley) committees are also planning meetings in the near future. The results will be presented to the Board of Directors at the Tuesday, January 24th, 2023 meeting, and later presented for approval to our members at the 2023 AGM.

The New Brunswick Senior Citizens'
Federation would like to wish you Happy Holidays
and a Happy New Year filled with health and
happiness!

If you have any questions about our organization or need help concerning seniors in New Brunswick, don't hesitate to contact us at the provincial office at 1-800-453-4333.

VISION

Our vision is a future where each senior citizen enjoys a good quality of life.





SELF-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PROGRAM (SEB)

The Workforce Expansion Self-Employment Benefit Program helps unemployed individuals create a job for themselves by starting a new business. The program provides various types of support during the initial development phase of the business including financial assistance, coaching and ongoing technical advice. Coaching is tailored to meet individual needs and can include subjects such as business plan development, accounting, and marketing.

Contact us today for more information! CBDC Westmorland Albert 337 Main Street, Shediac, www.cbdc.ca Tel: 506-532-8312, 1-800-925-6677



Michel Gallant michel.gallant@cbdc.ca



Kynan Philippe kynan.philippe@cbdc.ca



Myriam Sonier myriam.sonier@cbdc.ca

Funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of New Brunswick through
the Canada-New Brunswick Labour Market Agreements.



Youth Writing

Broken Villains

by Brooklyn Rossiter - aged 12

No child ever says they want to be the villain. When they're older the heroes are written perfectly so the villain will seem colder.

It didn't matter if they laughed like the joker or smiled like Harley before they realized they had broke her.

Or wore hearts like the queen of hearts.

Villains' personalities are always gonna be broken glass. Another puzzle for the hero to fix, but nobody ever notices the glass pieces shine as they mix.

They hated Cruella for being out of her mind, but they never spoke about how they were never kind.

They were written to be evil never given moments to be the heroes.

Equal they hated Mother Gothel for trying to stay young. Hated that she grew prettier with every word that she had sung.

But people will always complain when they grow old. Never agree with Mother Gothel because she didn't have hair of gold.

They fail to understand Maleficent beyond the curse. Never realize just how much her heart had hurt.

The villains are never loved yet always expected to love.

Lies about the villains that are so easily sold. The truth hidden that they are constantly fighting the world.

They don't get long hair that grows or beautiful names that everyone knows.



They don't meet their one true love. They are only ever seen as weapons used to draw blood.

They don't show up in children's dreams because they were written for their screams.

What nobody notices is that the villain is the hero because they kept fighting despite drowning alone in sorrow.

Not everyone grows up to be a princess. Not everyone meets their soulmate with a stare so intense.

Some people are born to be even greater even though their names were never written down in history or on paper.

They stand out and they are unique. They have voices but people hate when they speak.

These are the people who don't smile at princesses and their dresses. Instead, they cheer and laugh at villains and their successes.

They relate to the villain because they teach them to be strong. Teach them to stand tall when the world says they're wrong.

The villains show them peace in being slightly unhinged. Show them how to deal with minds that run faster than the wind.

Youth Writing

Being a villain means you are worse. It means you will always be nothing more than a curse.

Heroes are given luxurious lives where villains always pay the price.

The villain isn't supposed to be born with a heart that is left for those who look like art.

Like Shakespeare had said "hell is empty and all the devils are here." But the villains are known as the devils so they have nothing to fear.

Villains had to find peace in the dark. Had to go crazy only to leave their mark.

People who view the world in eternal darkness walk around looking like they are heartless.

They have the biggest hearts except they have been broken in many parts.

They will forever be seen as psychotic killers, though really they are just broken villains.



Contribute to Our *Youth Writing*Column

Do you have an original story, essay, poem or artwork that you would like to have published? We would love to include your work in one of our upcoming monthly newsletters.

If you have something to submit to the newsletter, please email it to info@connectingalbertcounty.org

Include your name & age in the email.



Hillsborough Public Library

Changes to hours over the holidays include;

December 24 to December 27 - Closed

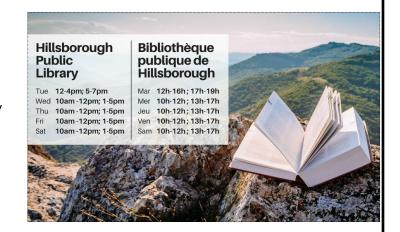
December 28 to 31 10am-12pm and 1pm-5pm

Keep up to date with what is happening at the library by following us on Facebook or subscribing to our e-newsletter.

Hillsborough Public Library

2849 Main St., Hillsborough 734-3722

Hillsborough.PublicLibrary@gnb.ca





Visit our Community Calendar and add your upcoming event today!!! https://www.connectingalbertcounty.org/calendar.html

Wednesdays

Hillsborough Kiwanis Bingo. Ongoing. 6:30-9:30pm. 47 Legion St., Hillsborough. Doors open at 5pm, canteen on site.

Thursdays

Parent, Baby & Tot Drop In. 10am-12pm and 1-5pm (until Dec. 15). Hillsborough Public Library, 2849 Main St. For babies/tots to play together and parents to socialize.

Fridays

Chase the Ace. 4-7pm (until Jan. 27, 2023). Fundy Curling Club, 16 Mill St., Riverside-Albert. Draw takes place at 7:30pm. Attend in person or watch it live on Facebook @communityrevitalization.



Saturdays

Karaoke Shenanigans. Ongoing. 7-11pm. Ships Landing Bar at the Royal Canadian Legion, 31 Legion St., Hillsborough. Entertainment, 50/50 draw and bar. Cover charge \$5/person.

Thursday, December 1

Country & Gospel Music Evening. 7-9:30pm. Royal Canadian Legion, 31 Legion St., Hillsborough. Entertainment by Rocky Cape Band plus open mic. Admission \$5. Canteen. No bar. Wheelchair accessible.



Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4

Christmas in the Country Artisan Tour. Visit artisans, crafters, activities and food vendors along Routes 114, 915 and Albert Mines Road. Support local businesses. More information on Facebook.

Saturday, December 3 (9am-4 pm) and Sunday, December 4 (9am-2pm)

Christmas Craft Fair & Market by the Chipoudy Community Revitalization Committee (CCRC) at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre, 8 Bicentennial Rd. For more information, visit the CCRC FB page or Page 13 of this issue.

<u>Saturday, December 3 (10am-5pm) and Sunday,</u> <u>December 4 (10am-4pm)</u>

Christmas in the Country Holiday Market.

Farmer Brown's Greenhouse, 371 Osborne Corner Rd., Dawson Settlement. Vendors, soup bar, local food, farm animals, greenhouse tours and more. Family friendly. Admission: \$2 donation to a local food security organization.

Saturday, December 3

Christmas Bazaar. 9am-1pm. St. Mary's Anglican Church, 39 Mill St., Hillsborough. Baking, books, Christmas items, etc.





Saturday, December 3

The Lois Snider Santa Claus Parade. 6-7pm. Main St., Hillsborough, starting at the school parking lot. After the parade, join Santa at the Kiwanis Community Centre (47 Legion St.) for picture taking and treats.

Wednesday, December 7 and Thursday, December 8

Eco360–Hillsborough. Noon-8pm. Kiwanis parking lot, 47 Legion St. For no fee, residents can visit any Mobile Eco-Depot to dispose of the following (up to a ½ tonne truck and utility trailer load):

- Appliances (limit of 1 of each type per client)
- Electronic Waste
- Furniture
- Small Household Machinery (must be emptied of gas and oil)
- Construction, Demolition and Renovation Waste
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Car and truck tires (maximum of 20" diameter, limit 8 per customer)
- Brush/Branches and yard waste

Material should be bagged, boxed, bundled, and ready for easy unloading.



Thursday, December 8

Country & Gospel Music Evening. 7-9:30pm. Royal Canadian Legion, 31 Legion St., Hillsborough. Entertainment by Rocky Cape Band plus open mic. Admission \$5. Canteen. No bar. Wheelchair accessible. Final night.



Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11

Christmas in the Country Artisan Tour. Visit artisans, crafters, activities and food vendors along Routes 114, 915 and Albert Mines Road. Support local businesses. More information on Facebook.



Supporters of Connecting Albert County

Connecting Albert County would like to thank the following advertisers and donors.

For details about advertising, please see ConnectingAlbertCounty.org/Advertising.

<u>Platinum</u>

Bennett and Albert County Health Care (BACH) Foundation

BachFoundation.com

Albert County Pharmacy Facebook.com/AlbertCountyPharmacy
CBDC Westmorland Albert www.CBDC.ca
Hon. Rob Moore, MP for Fundy Royal RobMoore.ca

Gold

Albert County Funeral Home www.AlbertCountyFH.com

Silver

Albert County Chamber of Commerce albertcountychamber.com
Melissa Rogers: Realtor rogers.melissa@kw.com
Hon. Mike Holland, Minister, MLA-Albert mike.holland@gnb.ca
Village of Hillsborough villageofhillsborough.ca
Village of Riverside-Albert riverside-albert.ca
Village of Alma villageofalma.ca

Bronze

Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee Facebook.com/communityrevitalization
Falcon Ridge Inn B&B www.falconridgeinn.nb.ca

Foods of the Fundy Valley facebook.com/FoodsOfTheFundyValley **Friends of Fundy** www.FriendsofFundy.ca

Fundy Mud Pottery fundymudpottery.com

Fundy Highlands Motel and Chalets www.fundyhighlandchalets.com

Jeff MacDougall, SouthEastern Mutual Insurance jeff.macdougall@semutual.nb.ca

The Old Church Farmers Market

Facebook.com/The-Old-Church-Farmers-Market-110454250674986