

# Happy New Year from the Board and Editor of Connecting Albert County

With this edition we are starting the tenth year of this newsletter. On behalf of the board, I would like to thank all of our readers, subscribers and sponsors for reading and supporting this newsletter. I look forward to working on future editions of the newsletter and providing them to you.

If you have anything you would like to contribute to the newsletter, or ideas for columns and articles, then please send them along through email to <a href="mailto:info@ConnectingAlbertCounty.org">info@ConnectingAlbertCounty.org</a> or through mail to Connecting Albert County, 8 Forestdale Rd., Riverside - Albert, NB, E4H 3Y7.

May 2024 bring you health and happiness.

Amanda Rossiter Editor of CAC Newsletter

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# Connecting Albert County

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#### **New Year Wishes from The Albert County Historical Society**

by Dawne McLean, President



The Albert County Historical Society and Museum extend New Year wishes of happiness, well-being, prosperity and enjoyable times with loved ones and friends.

As 2024 calendars now take their place on the walls or desks in our homes, January begins the New Year, and we have no idea what this year holds for us. Perhaps the quote by Anne Frank, will encourage us to anticipate 2024 with a cheerful and positive attitude.

"What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven't even happened yet."

Let's make the most of 2024!

# Writers, Authors, Literary Artists are Invited to share with us...

Do you have an idea, article or a piece of writing, or photograph that you would like to share in our newsletter? If so please submit it to the editor by email to info@connectingalbertcounty.org or mail it to Connecting Albert County, 8 Forestdale Rd., Riverside-Albert, NB, E4H 3Y7.



## **News from Friends of Fundy**

submitted by Ian Duncan

Happy New Year from the Board, staff and volunteers of Friends of Fundy! We hope you had a rejuvenating Holiday season!

Some reminders for getting 2024 off to a great start!

#### **Outpost store hours**

After a short break Outpost East, in the Fundy National Park Visitor Centre at Headquarters, will be reopening **January 6th** with the following hours:

Saturday and Sunday, 10am – 5pm.

Stop by to check out our selection of local and Fundy National Park products OR you can also purchase that perfect winter read online by visiting www.friendsoffundy.ca and clicking on the SHOP NOW link.

This year's February Frolic in Fundy Albert will be taking place the week of February 10 - 19.

Does your business or community group have an event planned to get out and enjoy the amazing outdoors in Fundy Albert?

Are you interested in hosting an event?

Groups are in the process of planning activities for all ages to stay active, get out and enjoy nature or cozy up and connect with friends and guests to the area.

Let us know your ideas or events and we will include them in the Frolic promotions! Send the details to community@friendsoffundy.ca

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## **Early Season Action from the Fundy Curling Club**

submitted by Alan Demaline

The Fundy Curling Club got off to a great start in December and it was all about getting kids out on the ice to give curling a try. Our ongoing partnership with the Riverside Consolidated School was a great success as we invited all the children from kindergarten to grade 5 to join us at the club on Dec. 4th and 5th. The two days were filled with fun and laughter as everyone had a chance to learn new skills. Thanks again to the staff at the school for helping us get the word out about the sport of curling!

December 10th was also a day the club hosted an enthusiastic group of young curlers. Our free youth introduction to curling sessions took place with Little Rocks ages 6-12 taking to the ice in the morning and U18 ages 13-17 giving it a try in the afternoon. It was a wonderful to see familiar faces who have curled before and new ones who had never stepped out on the ice. By the end of the day everyone had smiles on their faces after a fantastic day of curling!

Both our Little Rocks and U18 youth curling programs start on Sunday January  $7_{th}$  and run for 10 weeks. At the time of writing there were just a couple of spots left. If you would like to register for one of the programs or have any

questions about youth curling please email Alan at <a href="mailto:eademail.com">eademail.ead

January adult curling is starting off with a bang with our 2<sub>nd</sub> annual "Get Acquainted" bonspiel on Saturday January 6<sub>th</sub>. This early season event will bring together long-time members and new members for a fun filled day at the club. A great chance to re connect with friends and meet new ones both on and off the ice.







The bonspiel action really heats up the weekend of January 26th to the 28th with our largest event of the season. Our annual mixed bonspiel will see teams from our club as well as visiting teams from across the province compete to see who comes out on top. A fantastic weekend of curling, food and socializing to be sure! Not a curler but want in the action? Be sure to come out and cheer the teams on while enjoying a beverage in the clubhouse!

Regular league curling gets started the first week of January with on ice action every night from Monday to Friday. Don't forget about Chase the Ace of Friday nights when tickets are for sale from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. After the draw why not stick around with friends, play some cards or watch some of the on ice action!

See you at the club and remember to "Hurry Hard"!











# Help Us Help Others! Volunteer Drivers Needed!



Urban/Rural Rides provides transportation to seniors and low-income families for medical appointments and food bank access. As the demand for service continues to grow throughout Southeast New Brunswick, the need to add more amazing volunteers to the team continues to be essential in supporting transportation requests. The goal is to make sure everyone who lacks transportation to appointments because they cannot drive, do not have a vehicle, and/or do not have family or neighbors who can assist them can find a friendly helping hand from a volunteer driver.

If you have a few hours a week to extend an act of kindness by driving someone to an appointment, please contact us.

Volunteer drivers are reimbursed \$.50/km as well as receive other community incentives.

Transportation is available Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To request a drive, please call us at 506-962-3073 or visit us online at http://www.urbanruralrides.ca for more information or to volunteer.



#### **Urban/Rural Rides**

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506-962-3073 urbanruralrides.ca urbanruralrides@gmail.com

Volunteer as a driver and change lives one ride at a time!



The Bennett and Albert County Health Care Foundation (BACH) is hosting a Rafflebox 50/50, which started June 1st. Proceeds will be used to enhance community health services and primary health care throughout the catchment area

served by the Albert County Community Health Centre. The next draw is Wednesday, January 3rd, then every 28 days. Draw dates are listed for your convenience!

Your continued support of primary health care is greatly appreciated.

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/bachcf



## The Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee (CCRC) & What We Do

Submitted by Linda Lindsay

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CHIPOUDY COMMUNITIES REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

If you have ever wondered what CCRC does, here is your answer. The Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee has a mandate (in part) to encourage and inspire sustainable economic and healthy social environments. These are some of our projects that positively impact the community where we live.

#### **WELCOME COMMITTEE**

Since starting our welcome committee in 2019, we have delivered 69 welcome bags to area newcomers. The purpose of the welcome committee is simply to assist newcomers to become comfortable and knowledgeable about our community. To that end we offer a CCRC shopping bag filled with gifts and local opportunities to each newcomer that we identify.

If you know of someone who is new to the area and would like to be welcomed by a CCRC representative, please let us know by email, message or through our website.

That's right—we have a wonderful new website that showcases our initiatives and accomplishments. To introduce you to www.ChipoudyCRC.org we urge you to visit the website and contact us to let us know you checked

WEBSITE: www.ChipoudyCRC.org

it out. All contacts that come through our website during the month of January will be put in a draw to win a dinner for two.

#### **CHASE THE ACE**

This is CCRC's major fundraiser. All funds raised through Chase the Ace stay in the community. It's a fun Friday night activity at the Fundy Curling Club, with different theme nights offered. Gather up some friends and come out to support your community. Ticket sales are on Fridays 5:30 – 7:00 with the draw at 7:30. If you can't make it on a Friday, tickets are available at Crooked Creek Convenience Monday through Thursday.

#### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

CCRC is always looking for community-minded members to support our objectives. If you are interested and want to see what we are about, come out to our monthly meetings which are held at 7:00 on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the lower level of the Riverside Recreation Center.

Tune in next month to hear about some of our other projects.





## FAMILIES FOR INCLUSION: EMPOWERING LIVES TOGETHER: Seeking AFLA (Alternative Family Living Arrangements) Providers for Individual with Developmental Challenges



From Andrea Best, Executive Director at MCRI

MCRI is a non-profit organization that provides residential options and support for individuals with developmental challenges in the various aspects of their progressing lives.

In a world where inclusion is paramount, (MCRI) is pioneering a movement towards inclusive care through its AFLA program. Recognizing the importance of familial environments and compassionate care. The AFLA program, designed to create a sense of belonging and familial bonds, is at the forefront of MCRI's mission to ensure that individuals with developmental challenges can experience life to the fullest. Our aim is to enhance the quality of life for these individuals by providing a supportive, family-like environment

We are delighted to share with you an amazing opportunity to become an AFLA (Alternative Family Living Arrangement) provider with Moncton Community Residences Inc.

The AFLA program not only emphasizes compassionate care but also values and acknowledges the vital role AFLA providers play in enriching the lives of those they support. This program offers a unique opportunity for individuals seeking a fulfilling and meaningful vocation.

MCRI recognizes the dedication and efforts of AFLA providers who contribute immensely to the well-being and growth of individuals facing developmental challenges.

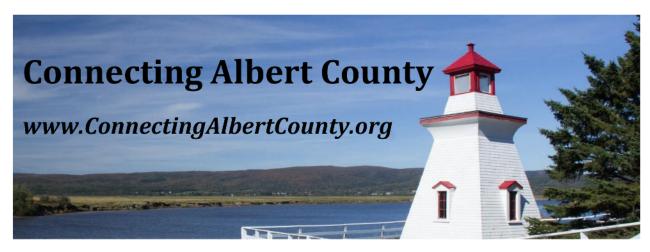
The essence of the program lies in its commitment to providing a genuine family experience for participants. Host families undergo comprehensive training, equipping them with the necessary skills to provide personalized care and support. This goes beyond accommodation; it's about building relationships, creating a nurturing

atmosphere, and facilitating personal growth.

As an AFLA provider, you'll have the opportunity to attend MCRI social events and Celebrations, interactive sessions with other care providers, and get a fair compensation by helping individuals with intellectual disabilities. This is a rewarding opportunity to make a profound impact on someone's life and a chance to contribute positively to society.

Together, through the Alternate Family Living Arrangement program, we can create a world where everyone has the opportunity to thrive, regardless of their challenges. Join us in this incredible journey of compassion, support, and transformation.

For more information on becoming an AFLA provider or supporting this program, please call (506)380-7031 or E-mail (Vgoswami@mcrinc.net) or (AFLA@mcrinc.net).



#### Wondering how to reach your target audience in Albert County?

Show the community you care, and reach locals and visitors by advertising in our monthly mini-magazine, Connecting Albert County.

For nine years, Connecting Albert County has provided our community with information on people, places and events in rural Albert County. Every month, our publications have a readership of more than 750 and our website receives thousands of hits.

Hundreds of free print copies of the mini-magazine are distributed each month throughout rural Albert County. Our full-colour digital publication has 550 online subscribers and a much greater readership - this includes residents and frequent visitors to the area.

#### Connecting Albert County is the place to advertise in rural Albert County!

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Non-profit listing on back cover	\$100	\$70	\$25	Same each month
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Business card + link on back cover	\$400	\$250	\$85	Same each month
Quarter page + link on back cover	\$1350	\$800	\$195	Ad can change monthly
Half page + link on back cover	\$1600	\$1200	\$345	Ad can change monthly
Full page + link on back cover	\$1950	\$1500	\$475	Ad can change monthly

<sup>\*</sup> Business card:  $3.5 \times 2$  in.;  $\frac{1}{4}$ - page:  $3.65 \times 5$  in.;  $\frac{1}{2}$ - page:  $7.25 \times 5$  in.; Full page:  $7.25 \times 10$  in.

Please reserve your space for the 2024-25 advertising year. We welcome ads throughout the year.

We hope you will consider advertising in Connecting Albert County. Email Amanda Rossiter at <a href="mailto:info@connectingalbertcounty.org">info@connectingalbertcounty.org</a> or mail CAC, 8 Forestdale Road, Riverside-Albert, NB E4H 3Y7.

<sup>\*</sup> Advertisers are listed online in the digital publication and on the back cover of each printed issue for the months they advertise. Year-round advertisers are also listed on many pages of our website. Each listing includes a link to the advertiser's website or Facebook page.



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

Submit your event to our Calendar by emailing connectingalbertcountycalendar@gmail.com

#### **Wednesdays**

#### Hillsborough Kiwanis Bingo.

6:30-9:30pm. Doors open at 5pm. 47 Legion St. Canteen available. Everyone welcome.



#### **Basketball: Hillsborough On The Move**

**Action Grant**. Wednesdays in January. Hosted at Hillsborough Baptist Church from 6:30 - 7:30 for grades 3 to 5 and 7:30 - 8:30 for grades 6 to 9. This program will be teaching skills and giving time to practice them. Please register as beginner or intermediate by going to www.hillsboroughbaptist.org or phoning 506-878-1636. Spaces are limited.

#### **Fridays**

Chase the Ace. Ongoing. 5:30-7:30pm. In partnership with the Fundy Curling Club, the CCRC hosts a weekly Chase the Ace raffle every Friday Night. Tickets are on sale from Monday to Thursday 8am-9pm at Crooked Creek Convenience in Riverside-Albert, and on Friday at the FCC from 5:30 to 7:00pm prior to the draw at 7:30pm. There is usually a meal served around 6pm. Check facebook page for details.

Making Community Projects Possible

#### **Saturdays**

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



<u>January 8th</u> Fundy Blades has their *Winter Session* starting on January 8. A session for every age and ability level. Contact fundybladesfsc1@gmail.com for registration information.

January 27th Fundy Blades 7th Annual Dinner and Draw Fundraiser. Online Draw and Take Out Dinner. For more information or to purchase tickets please contact fundybladesfsc1@gmail.com









**Activities at the Hillsborough Public Library** 2849 Main St, Hillsborough, NB E4H 2X7

Parent & Baby Drop In - Every Thursday from 10am-12pm

Storytime - Thursday January 4th at 1:30pm Thursday January 12th at 10:30am

**Felt Friday -** Friday January 19th. Contact Library for more information.

Family Craft - Saturday, January 20th. 1:30 -3:00pm. *Call 506-734-3722 to Register* 

Adult Craft - Saturday, January 27th. 1:30 - 3:00pm. Call 506-734-3722 to Register





# VILLAGE OF FUNDY ALBERT JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Under the Emergency Measures Act the Village of Fundy Albert is requesting rates from Heavy Equipment Contractors for Emergency calls. We are creating a directory of local contractors in Fundy Albert to call on when an emergency should arise.

Please complete the form and email to community@fundyalbert.ca or mail to 2849 Main Street, Hillsborough NB E4H 2X7

## 2022/2023 Hillsborough Arena Ice Times

Monday - Preschool Skate 10 am - 11 am (free)
Tuesday - Adult Skate 1 pm - 2 pm
Thursday - Adult Skate 1 pm - 2 pm
Friday - Public Skate 8:15 pm - 9:15 pm
Saturday - Public Skate 2 pm - 3 pm & 8 pm - 9 pm
Sunday - Family Skate 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm



\$2.00 per person \$5.00 Family



# VILLAGE OF FUNDY ALBERT STANDING OFFER AGREEMENT EMERGENCY CALL OUT

This document sets out the terms of call out and costs for the use of private equipment and/or manpower in the event of a Village emergency.

The agreement is valid from the stated dates to the conclusion dates and shall be renewed as required.

Upon determining an emergency exists within the Village Boundaries, an authorized Officer of the Village may call upon the below listed contractor for the use of equipment and/or manpower at the rates extent herein.

Upon completion of any works, the Contractor shall submit an invoice to the Village detailing the date and time, the equipment and or manpower utilized and the costs as stated within this agreement.

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TThe MOBILE ECO-DEPOT will be in Hillsborough Wednesday, January 24th and Thursday, January 25th from 12-8 pm at the Kiwanis parking lot, 47 Legion Street . To help with unloading, materials MUST be bagged, boxed or bundled, loose material may not be accepted. Black bags will not be accepted for safety reasons. https://www.eco360.ca/mobile-eco-depot-program



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