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Fundy Curling Club 2024 Season

Submitted by Alan Demaline

With the temperatures dropping and snowflakes starting to fall, it is time to get ready for the upcoming 2024 curling season at the Fundy Curling Club! We are beyond excited to see the return of our Little Rocks Curling Program, the introduction of our brand new U18 Youth Curling Program, as well as our slate of adult curling leagues and bonspiels!

If you have children between the ages of 6 and 12 years of age and are looking for a fun and affordable activity for the winter season then look no further than our Little Rocks Curling Program. Participants learn the fundamentals of curling including; rock delivery, sweeping, teamwork and good sportsmanship in a game that can last a lifetime. Once started in Little Rocks your child will be slipping and sliding down the ice with a smile on their face as they learn a new sport and meet new friends as well. As an added bonus, they will probably practice their new curling vocabulary by yelling "Hurry Hard!" and "Sweep!" while you are trying to do housework. Our Little Rocks Program runs for 10 weeks on Sunday afternoons from 1:30pm to 3:00pm and starts on Sunday January 7th. All curling equipment is provided and the cost of the program is \$50.00 including a season-ending party.

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With a new season comes our brand new U18 Youth Curling Program for children aged 13 to 17. Our volunteer coaches are eager and excited to introduce this new venture at the club. No curling experience is necessary, as just like in Little Rocks, we will start off by teaching the fundamentals of the game including rock delivery, sweeping, teamwork and good sportsmanship to your older children. The program will then branch out to incorporate strategy and more complex shotmaking. By the end of the program your child will be making TV replay worthy shots and giving their coaches a run for their money in game situations! Our U18 Youth Program runs for 10 weeks on Sunday afternoons from 3:00pm to 4:30pm and starts on Sunday January 7th. All curling equipment is provided and the cost of the program is \$50.00 including a season ending party.

Registration is open and space is limited for both Little Rocks and U18 Youth curling so please email Alan Demaline at eademaline@gmail.com or call 506-882-1182 to register your child or for more information!

Now that we have the kids taken care of and they are out on the ice having a great time learning a new sport and meeting new people, what about you? Never curled before or have not curled in a while? New to the area and want to have the chance to meet some folks and at the same time get some exercise out on the ice? The FCC offers a wide range of evening leagues to fit your schedule. Tuesday and Friday is mixed curling, Wednesday is ladies night and Thursday is men's night. We also put on three weekend bonspiels and a few special Saturday fun nights throughout the season. Membership rates are \$165.00 for an individual and \$300.00 for a couple. For more information on adult curling keep an eye on our facebook page!

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.



Exciting Projects Coming Out of Forest Dale Nursing Home

Submitted by Patrick Kemp, Executive Director at Forest Dale Home Inc.



As mentioned in a previous issue, Forest Dale has a keen interest in reaching seniors in our community to offer services to improve their quality of life. We have received funding for a community program coordinator to meet with community members and link them to services that can be accessed with the help of the nursing home or referred out to appropriate partners.

Some of these services will be at a low cost, or free, depending on funding and could include hair care, dental hygiene, meals, etc... Keep your eye out for more information regarding this exciting new community programming.

We're also very excited to announce the development of our new Non-profit housing company - "Fundy Albert Housing Inc". Forest Dale is aware that housing for staff, affordable housing for families, as well as seniors is a high priority in Fundy Albert. We're excited to be officially set up to begin submitting design projects and sending in grant applications for various housing projects in the area. If you have a property in the area that you are interested in selling, please contact Patrick Kemp at Forest Dale Nursing home to discuss!

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Albert County Resident Receives Award of Merit

Submitted by Sharon McIntyre, ACHS Director

Dawne McLean, long serving active member and current President of the Albert County Historical Society, is shown below receiving her Award of Merit presented for her outstanding contribution to heritage by Association Heritage New Brunswick President Gerry Gillcash at the Annual AHNB Conference Banquet November 9th.

A retired teacher, Dawne has held a lifelong passion for educating and sharing the rich history of Albert County as evidenced by her 17 year service as Coordinator for School Regional Heritage Fairs and the 2022 ACHS publication, "A Glimpse of Past Days" - a compilation by Dawne of Albert County heritage memories, photographs and stories.

Dawne's strong advocacy for the repairs of Sawmill Creek Bridge and the initiation of the Annual "Love Your Covered Bridge Day" celebrations resulted in the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers 2023 selection of Sawmill Creek Bridge as the official plaque site for covered bridges as a historical structure designation.

For her extensive contributions to the community, Dawne was also a recipient of The Molly Kool Award (2018) and the QE II Silver (2012) and Platinum (2023) Jubilee Medals and is a frequent writer for "Connecting Albert County."



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Christmas Message from the Albert County Historical Society

From Dawne McLean, President ACHS

On behalf of the Albert County Historical Society and Museum, I wish to extend a "Grateful Thanks" for the support received during the past year from society members, community organizations, businesses, volunteers and the amazing "circle of friends" within Albert County and beyond. Special acknowledgement of thanks to all levels of government, the Federal Government of Canada, the Government of New Brunswick, and the Municipality of Fundy Albert, for their support of the New Horizons for Seniors Program projects, the employment of seasonal staff, heritage projects, exhibits and commemorative events enjoyed by community residents and visitors. May your Christmas be filled with magical moments to be remembered, the warmth of friendship and love of family!



Chamber Activities within and for our Communities

Submitted by Annick Robichaud Butland

President, Albert County Chamber of Commerce

Albert County Chamber of Commerce President, Annick Butland, presented at the *Southeast Regional Service Commission All-Municipal Council Workshop* at Broadleaf Ranch that was held on Saturday, October 28th, 2023 in Fundy Albert.

We work hard with our surrounding communities to leverage our resources and come together on important issues such as our Labour Shortage Crisis. The Albert County Chamber of Commerce is recognized as a Standing Stakeholder Organization with a seat on the Southeast Labour Market Partnership Council, ensuring that representation reflects the entire Southeast New Brunswick region both geographically and linguistically.

We want to hear from your businesses: Are you hiring in the next six months? Which positions/roles are you looking to fill? Email us at admin@albertcountychamber.com.


Elf on the Shelf in Albert County Businesses

We've got an elf on the way to celebrate the holidays! We are SO excited! We have asked all the kids in Albert County to help us find a perfect name. Enter the contest to win your class a pizza party!

And this is just the beginning! If you'd like to Sponsor the Elf shenanigans, we'd love to include your business...psst. you don't have to have a storefront to participate. [Click here to Get Involved](#) or read about it on albertcountychamber.com [Hear all about it in our latest Chamber Chat](#)

To follow along with what the Elf on the Shelf gets up to this December, as well as upcoming events the chamber is involved in, check out the Albert County Chamber's website at www.albertcountychamber.com.





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Literacy Express Funding

Submitted by Nancy Land, Program Director

The Literacy Express program was recently awarded a grant of \$5000.00 from the New Brunswick Children's Foundation. Pictured from left to right at the cheque presentation is Mayor Bob Rochon; Foundation Director Kimberley Buck de Jesus; program Assistant Denise Bickford, and program Director Nancy Land. The NB Children's Foundation has been a generous supporting organization of the program since 2013, in addition to the Bennett and Albert County Healthcare Foundation.



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, December 6th, then every 28 days. Draw dates are listed for your convenience!

Your continued support of primary health care is greatly appreciated.

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

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News from The New Brunswick Senior Citizens' Federation

Submitted by Lise Guignard

The New Brunswick Senior Citizens' Federation President, Percy Huntington, Government Relations Committee Chair, Jim Hanley, and committee members, Mary Ann Rowlands and Dorothy Brown, met with the Minister of Health Bruce Fitch, Deputy Minister Eric Beaulieu and his Executive Assistant, Robert Weir on Tuesday, November 7th, 2023. The NBSCF representatives appreciated the fact that the government representatives were very receptive and accommodating. They were able to discuss all of the resolutions presented by the Federation that pertained to health.

Diabetic Readers, Dexcon or Freestyle - The day after meeting, the provincial government enhanced New Brunswick's insulin pump program to provide continuous blood glucose monitoring coverage for eligible diabetic patients. This coverage is available to people who require intensive insulin therapy administered by a pump or at least three daily injections. This coverage will extend to people of all ages who meet medical eligibility criteria and pass the income verification process.

Zona Vaccine (Shingles)- Only Ontario already offers it free to its senior population. This file is currently on the table and studied by all the other provinces. As was done with the high-dose flu vaccine, the government wants to ensure that it is truly a better option for older people, providing more effective protection against Shingles.

Eye exams- According to our research, the majority of provinces offer one exam per year to people aged 65 and over, if not, at least to those of low income. New Brunswick is still studying this possibility.

Hearing aids for low-income seniors - As with eye exams, we are told the Department of Health is still investigating the possibility.

All of these untreated medical conditions can have more severe repercussions causing higher costs to the government with more serious illnesses, hospitalizations, etc.

Warming and Cooling Centers- Based on their discussion, the province already provides centers, especially in rural communities. The committee requested a list of these designated places. Robert Weir said he would take care of getting the list to the Federation.

More accessible parking for hospitals - This is the responsibility of the two Health Authorities (Horizon and Vitalité) and they are already studying the problem.

The Committee offered some solutions or recommendations to the government; making decisions, it would be important to consult people specialized in the field who have the necessary knowledge to provide relevant information. They also mentioned that clinics, especially in rural areas, operating primarily with nurse practitioners, should have access to medical records and histories. It would be important for nursing homes to be at least partially under the supervision of the Health Department.

They are currently working on the budget and there is a need for 250 doctors in the province, so they agreed to plan another meeting with the NBSCF in the New Year.





Merry Christmas

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

Mondays

Stitch & Tea. 7:00 - 8:30pm.

Caledonia Regional High School (Front Entrance). Bring a project, drink some tea and chat away while you work. Optional: Donation to the school breakfast program.

Wednesdays

Hillsborough Kiwanis Bingo.

6:30-9:30pm. Doors open at 5pm.

47 Legion St. Canteen available.

Everyone welcome.



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.



Fridays

Chase the Ace. Ongoing. 5:30-7:30pm. Fundy Curling Club, Mill St., Riverside-Albert. Tickets on sale 4from Mon-Thur 8am-9pm at Crooked Creek Convenience and on Friday at the Club from 5:30-7pm. Draw at 7:30pm. Attend in person or watch it live on Facebook [@communityrevitalization](https://www.facebook.com/communityrevitalization).



Mondays and Tuesdays TaeKwonDo

6:30-8:00 at Hillsborough Kiwanis. For ages 8+. Options for 1 or 2 nights / week. \$30/month. 1st class is free.

Saturday December 2. Hillsborough

Christmas Parade. 6:30pm. In Memory of Lois Snider. From School Parking Lot to Steeves Street. Join Santa Following the Parade at the Kiwanis for Hot Chocolate and Candy. (See Poster on Page 12)

Christmas Bazaar. 9:00 - 1:00 St. Mary's Anglican Church. Baked goods, Christmas items, books, etc. for sale.

Saturday & Sunday December 2 & 3. Christmas in the Country.

Sat 10-5 & Sun 11-4. Visit businesses in Albert County to find treasures for Christmas. A map of businesses available on Village of Fundy Albert's Facebook Page.



Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

Coming Next Month...

Fundy Blades has their *Winter Session* starting on January 8. A session for every age and ability level. Makes a great Christmas gift for the hard to buy for child. 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

Fundy Blades Skating Club

Fundy Blades as a whole is so much more than just a figure skating club. As a club we offer a variety of programs including:

- Canskate
- Can Power
- Figure Skating
- Powerskating
- Special needs
- Adult Sessions.



Our winter session begins January 8th, 2024. For pricing details and more information, contact the club directly at fundybladesfsc1@gmail.com



Fundy Blades SC

7th Annual Dinner & Draw Fundraiser

January 27, 2024

Hillsborough Kiwanis Club, 47 Legion Street.

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VILLAGE OF FUNDY ALBERT DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Governments of Canada, New Brunswick and local municipality invest in new municipal well infrastructure in Fundy Albert

Fundy Albert, New Brunswick, November 14, 2023 —

Fundy Albert will be building new wells and related infrastructure thanks to the combined investment of over \$12.2 million from the governments of Canada and New Brunswick and the municipality. Announced by Wayne Long, Member of the Legislative Assembly Mike Holland, and Mayor Robert Rochon, this project will aim to address the recurring boil water advisories, reduce the pumping time of the current well and improve access to potable water in the Village.

This project involves building two new wells and new water supply infrastructure. This initiative is designed to correct high turbidity levels and lack of capacity to meet demands. Construction of new wells, reservoirs, pumphouse and booster station, water treatment plant, and the construction of a new watermain to connect the new wells to the municipal services will increase the capacity of the system to meet the town's water needs throughout the year.

By investing in infrastructure, the Government of Canada is growing our country's economy, building resilient communities, and improving the lives of Canadians.



Garbage Pickup

We are pleased to report the truck used for solid waste collection in the Village of Fundy Albert now meets all regulatory requirements.

- Former Village of Alma collection will return to normal effective Monday December 4th, 2023
- Former Village of Riverside-Albert collection will return to normal effective Tues December 5th, 2023

Please have your garbage curbside by 8:00 am.

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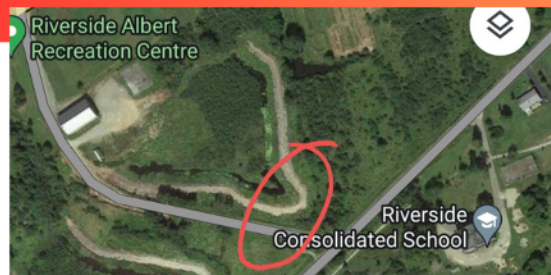
- "Investments in green infrastructure are key to building vibrant and sustainable communities. The investments we are making today will provide residents and visitors with high-quality services for years to come." *Wayne Long, MP, on behalf of the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities*
- "This project will aim to address the recurring boil water advisories that the village has experienced over a number of years. Residents will certainly benefit from these upgrades and local businesses can continue to welcome visitors from around the world to this iconic community on the Bay of Fundy." *Mike Holland, MLA for Albert, on behalf of Réjean Savoie, Minister responsible for the Regional Development Corporation.*
- "Council of the Village of Fundy Albert is very pleased with this announcement and appreciative of the federal and provincial contributions to this extremely important project for the Community of Alma. Once realized, this new water source and related infrastructure will provide much needed stability and predictability for residents and business owners in this important tourist community. We appreciate the residents and business owners in Alma who have cooperated through numerous requests to conserve water, and repeated boil water advisories. With this announcement, there is now reason for optimism." *Robert Rochon, Mayor of Fundy Albert*

Photo on the left of dignitaries at the announcement. Credit to 'Alma Village Friends.'

Skating Pond

Community members in the community of Riverside-Albert are looking to create a skating area on the duckpond behind the Riverside-Albert Rec Centre this winter. If you live in or around Riverside-Albert and are interested in this project, please send us your input by completing the following survey

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