

Spotlight on the East River Valley

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East River Valley Community Development Association

6341 East River West Side Rd. Eureka, NS B0K 1B0

Mission Statement: To promote the sustainability of the East River Valley Communities

Notes from the Chair

For a while the forecast for the day was looking pretty grim but then all changed and the Hopewell Ceilidh is back! All reports are that it was a great success too: congratulations to the committee for a triumphant return.

Ken MacDonald also reports that work on the trail over the old railway bed between Sunny Brae and Garden of Eden is proceeding well, a lot of time, effort and talent has gone into development of this multi-use trail along the headwaters of the eastern branch of our river.

This summer growing season has certainly been productive so far, lots of heat and lots of moisture too, let's all support our farming neighbours.

See you at the Fall Market on October 5th!



ERVCA was saddened at the sudden loss of one of our committee members, John K. Cameron on May 20th 2024. John and his partner Judy were keen to lend a hand during our fundraisers and events. John always looked forward to seeing people out in the community, especially old friends and young families.. His beautiful photographs have hung on the walls of the Riverton Hall for several years, highlighting nature, in which he had a keen eye to capture.

He was proud of his East River Valley roots and had a great sense of excitement when discussing historic trivia. He was involved in mentoring and we hope that in the future we can host a mentoring event in his memory.

His ideas to better the community at our monthly meetings were always welcomed, and we will miss his insight and humour.

John is survived by partner Judy Hayman, children Shelley and Rob, 6 grandchildren, siblings Irene, Betsy, Sandy and Jimmy, as well as Judy's family and close friends.



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Kara Allen 902-301-0339

ERVDCA Monthly Meetings

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Eureka Fire Department civic signs that need updating can be ordered through Cliff Jardine
902-921-0884 or
cliffjardine@hotmail.com

The Hopewell, Eureka, East River Pastoral Charge is pleased to welcome our new ministry personnel. Sam Graham and his wife Kathy will be here for their first service August 18th at St. Columba at 10am, August 25th at Bridgeville.
Everyone welcome.
Services rotate weekly.



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The Hopewell Ceilidh returned on August 11th. The event was a great success and the committee should be very proud.

It was wonderful to see so many people experiencing the event for the first time, and to see long-time supporters back.

The original committee was honoured by Councillor Chester Dewar. They were thanked for all their hard work, and presented with a plaque. (The members can be seen in the photo top right).

The parade began the event of live music, food vendors (including our ERVCDA Dessert Tent), and games for kids rounded out the afternoon.

The sense the community pride for Hopewell and the East River Valley was wonderful to see.

We know 2025 will be even better, and can't wait to hear the plans as they develop.



Photos submitted by: Joanne MacHardy, Erin Lowles and Alex Stalley.



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The Presbyterian Churches of the

East River Pastoral Charge Springville and St. Paul's
More information phone

Sharon MacDonald (902) 923-2336

First Presbyterian Church, Hopewell

Minister Rev. Bonnie Langille 902-396-6266

bonniejcrockett@gmail.com

Sunday School 9am (in hall)

Sunday worship 9:45am

Coffee hour following worship every 1st Sunday



Volunteer Fire Department Contacts

East River Valley Fire Department:

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Eureka and District Fire Department:

Hall 902-923-2751

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902-396-9161

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VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

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Or attend our Tuesday Training Meetings

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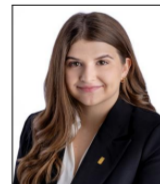
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FAREWELL TO THE GLENCOE HALL

The Glencoe Community Hall was originally the Glencoe School, and served the communities of St. Paul's, Glencoe and Iron Rock between 1938 and the early 1970's, when it was deemed surplus and sold to the Glencoe Community Hall Association through the Little Red Schoolhouse program.

The current building was built by Archie Thompson sometime after 1938, when the previous Schoolhouse burned down. It was the 4th schoolhouse, with all of the previous buildings being lost to fire. The original school burned down in 1874. Replacements were built in 1875, 1909 and then finally, the current building after 1938.

The Glencoe Community Hall played an active roll in the community for many years, hosting dances and card parties, kitchen parties or ceilidhs, Cub Scouts, 4H meetings and weddings.

Sadly, over the past few years, the hall sustained damage to the roof from hurricanes and major storms, resulting in a deterioration

of the building. The association applied for funding to repair the roof earlier this year, but learned that major renovations would be required to bring the building up to code and allow it to be used to host community events going forward. The price tag for the upgrades would be well over \$150,000.00. With 3 other renovated and fully accessible halls available in the area (Springville Church and Community Hall, Bridgeville Community Hall and the MacDonald Rebekah Lodge in Sunnybrae), it was impossible to justify that level of investment. Especially as the number of events at the hall has dwindled over the years making it increasingly difficult to generate income to support the ongoing upkeep of the building.

It was determined that the most prudent course of action was to have the hall demolished, to avoid a slow and inevitable deterioration. It is with very heavy hearts that this decision has been made, and we recognize the deep emotional attachment many people in the area have for the hall. We intend to fundraise and build a commemorative gazebo to be placed in the spot where the hall stood, and will continue to host the annual Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph across the road every November 11th.

Arrangements are currently being made to donate or sell any reusable elements of the building including the windows, prior to scheduling the demolition. If anyone is interested in salvaging any materials from the building, please contact Cathy Hay at 902-923-2222. A meeting will be held on Monday, August 19 at 7pm at the hall to present a new Memorandum of Association and Bylaws to reflect the revised purpose of the Association, which will focus on maintaining the property and Cenotaph and planning and conducting the annual Remembrance Day Service.

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Prep Time: 15 minutes
Bake Time: 12 minutes
Pre-Heat: Oven 350

Directions:

Ingredients:

- 1 Cup Butter, softened
- 1 Cup Packed brown sugar
- 1/2 Cup white sugar
- 2 Eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 1/4 Cups Flour
- 1/2 teaspoon Baking Soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 Cups Quick Oats
- 1 Cup Choc Chips

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- PreHeat oven 350
- In a large bowl, cream together the butter, brown sugar, and white sugar until smooth. Beat in eggs 1 at a time, then stir in vanilla.
- Combine the flour, baking soda, and salt;
- Stir into the creamed mixture until just blended.
- Mix in the quick oats, choc chips.
- Drop by heaping spoonfuls onto a greased baking sheet.
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ERVCD & Plymouth Fire Department Christmas Holiday Market

Saturday November, 2nd
10am-2pm

Plymouth Fire Department

Vendors sign up with Kara at
902-301-0339 or spotlight.1@hotmail.com
\$20 per table.

Remembrance Day Services in the East River Valley

Eureka~ Eureka Fire Department 5222 Stellarton
Trafalgar Rd. Eureka

Glencoe~ 956 East River East Side Rd. Glencoe
2:30pm.

Hopewell~ First Presbyterian Church 4622
Stellarton Trafalgar Rd. Hopewell. 10:45am.

Sunnybrae~ Veterans Memorial 2396 East River
West Side Rd. Sunnybrae. 2pm. Guest speaker
Peter MacKay and reception to follow at
Rebekah Lodge.



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ERVCDA Outdoor Rural Fall Market and Youth Market

Date: Saturday, October 5 (rain date October 6)

Location: Churchville Hall
1054 Irish Mountain Rd.

Time: 10am-2pm.

Reserve a parking spot to set up your own tables for \$10 per vehicle outside.

Youth market inside is \$5 per table (provided by the Churchville Hall).

RSVP with Kara at 902-301-0339

spotlight.1@hotmail.com

JUNIOR REPORTER

Madeline Smallman our Junior Reporter has retired from her position. We thank Madeline for taking on this role the past year, and wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

If you know of someone in the East River Valley who would like to take on this role for our quarterly newsletter, reach out to Kara at spotlight.1@hotmail.com

If you have something you would like to submit one-time, we would happily accept this as well!

This is our 100th Edition!

Thank you for reading this newsletter. We hope that it continues to be a vital part of the community that is the East River Valley.

With many things only found online, printed news is sometimes rare. We enjoy gathering information to share in this quarterly newsletter.

If you would like to see something new added in an upcoming edition, send your thoughts and ideas to our coordinator Kara Allen at

spotlight.1@hotmail.com

Bridgeville Community Hall **Chili Take-Out and Bake Sale**

October 5th 11am-1pm.

Pre-order by calling Debbie at

902-923-2416 or email

2twins1979@gmail.com.

\$10 for chili, corn bread, and dessert.

Watch for details in the next newsletter for the Christmas Tea on December 14th.

Important Dates

October 5~ ERVCDA Outdoor Rural Fall Market & Youth Market at the Churchville Community Hall 10-2.

October 5~ Bridgeville Chili Takeout Dinner & Bake Sale 11-1.

November 2~ ERVCDA/Plymouth Fire Dept. Christmas Market 10-2

November 11~ Remembrance Day Services

Eureka 10am, Glencoe 2:30pm, Hopewell 10:45am, Sunnybrae 2pm.

November 12~ ERVCDA Spotlight Newsletter Submission Deadline.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook as to not miss out on event details

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