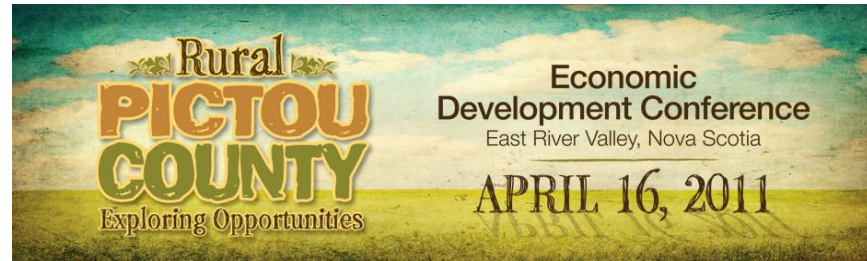


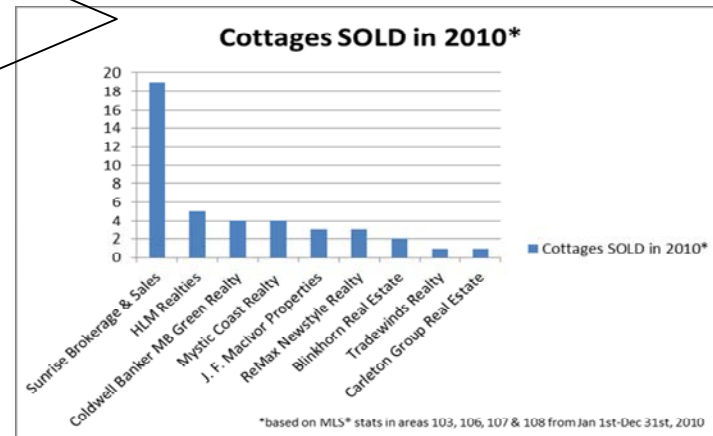
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Spotlight on the East River Valley



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East River Valley Community Development Association Mission statement:
To promote the sustainability of the East River Valley communities.

Notes From the Chair

I am pleased to announce that we have several new members of the executive as a result of our annual meeting on the 7th of March. Welcome to Kelly Babineau as secretary, Karla Sinnis as Treasurer, as well as Bill Findlay and Jason Ward as directors. It is very encouraging to see younger folks participating!

I also wish to express my appreciation for the hard work and dedication of former directors Denise White, Gerald Romsa and former Treasurer Penny Wilson. Since the associations' inception they have been untiring supporters of ERVCDA, without their dedication ERVCDA wouldn't have developed into a viable, growing association.

Lots of planning is going into the Rural Conference coming up on the 16th of April, it is shaping up nicely and there will be many opportunities to showcase our valley. As ERVCDA will be hosting, volunteers will be needed to help with our hosting duties. More details are to be found within this newsletter.

Dave Wilson



CONGRATULATIONS RESIDENTS OF THE EAST RIVER VALLEY

On being one of four communities in Nova Scotia to win the

Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award !!

This award recognizes and celebrates communities that demonstrate unique strengths and a high degree of pride and citizen participation. PRDA (formerly Pictou Regional Development Corporation) nominated ERV and although ERV submitted information to them the folks at PRDA compiled the application. There were four essential criteria that needed to be demonstrated in the nomination: *ability to build on unique strengths within the community, a high degree of citizen participation in community projects of a wide variety, range and interest, clear evidence of community pride and a focus on creating an enduring community.* Through the help of many people in the East River Valley we were able to pull the information together and submit it to Kelly & Katie at PRDA who compiled the final submission and made us look good.

Below are some excerpts from a letter sent to PRDA from the selection committee:

Dear Ms. McVicar & Ms. MacDonald:

I am delighted to share wonderful news with you. Your community has been chosen as a 2011 recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award. Congratulations on an excellent submission which reflects so well on your vibrant and thriving community. Yours is one of four communities that is chosen from the ten nominations, which were all very strong.

I thought you would appreciate the comments from the selection committee regarding your nomination:

This nomination was very impressive and inspiring. It gave many clear and practical examples of how East River Valley citizens embrace the criteria of the award. The stories are inviting and warm and they are put forward by a large number of volunteer groups which actively thrive and support the community. Reading the nomination makes you want to visit East River and meet the people there.

We can now begin to plan how you would like to celebrate your award. The Honourable Mayann Francis, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, will travel to your community in 2011 to present the Community Spirit Award. The date and nature of the celebration event is up to your community.

Congratulations on your success! Sincerely, Catherine J. Woodman, Chair, Selection Committee Host, Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award

Once again, thanks to everyone who contributed information for our submission. Plans are underway to have The Honourable Mayann Francis, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia come to ERV to present the award. We will keep you posted!



- **Plymouth Ladies Auxiliary Spring Coffee Party** will be held April 16th 10am -12noon
- **ERVCD** meets the 1st Monday of each month at the IOOF Hall Hopewell at 7pm
Next meetings are April 4th and May 2nd.
- **The Plymouth Community Centre is available for rent.** For more information please contact Glenda Fulton Dean at 755-2899
- **TOPS meets every Tuesday** afternoon at the Birch Hill Seniors Complex on Acadia Ave, Stellarton. Weigh-in 12:30 -1:30. Meeting 1:30 - 2:30. New members welcome. More info call Elaine Campbell 752-3529
- **Plymouth Seniors Meet each Tuesday** at the Fire Hall at 2pm
- **The Riverton Community Club** is available for Rentals. Contact Jim MacCulloch at 752-8879 or Doug Ross at 752-8079
- **Potluck Supper** Wed., May 4, 2011 at the 1st Presbyterian Church, Hopewell. 4 pm until sold out. Take-outs available. Adults \$10. Everyone Welcome
- **April 23rd Easter Tea** East River Valley Fire Hall from 2pm-4pm. Anyone who would like to donate to our bake table, donations can be dropped off at the hall the night before from 6:00-8:00 or the day of the tea after 12:00. It is also almost time for our **Silent Bake Sale** so be on the lookout for our envelopes in your mailboxes sometime around the end of May.

Weekly Card Parties

- Bridgeville Community Club Saturdays at 7:30pm
- Hopewell IOOF Hall Tuesdays at 7:30pm
- Riverton Community Club Mondays at 7:30pm



Happy Easter Everyone!!



ERVCD Executive
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The Municipality of the County of Pictou has provided the funding to support our co-coordinator's position.

If there are any community groups in the East River Valley who would like assistance applying for funding please feel free to contact Glenda. There may be other similar ways Glenda could help you.

She is a phone call or an email away.



Glenda Fulton Dean, ERVCD
Coordinator 755-2899

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Multicultural Association of Pictou County

NSCC, Pictou Campus, Room C210
Meet and Greet 6:30pm Tuesday April 19th, 2011 **Meeting 7:00pm**
Guest Speaker, All are welcome
Membership forms will be available.
For more information, email info.mapc@gmail.com

PreTeen Dances have started up at St Columba Hall (next to Iona Park)




Every 2nd Friday night 7-9pm.

Ages 7-12yrs Admission \$2.00

Canteen service and great music

Each dance is a theme dance

 Molly B for more info on themes at 923-2657

No outdoor shoes on the floor

Next dance April 1, 15th etc.. Mark your calendars. For more info call Betty D 923-1921.

Parents encouraged to stay.

Fitness Classes at Plymouth Community Hall--
Instructor, Cheryl Lays



Zumba -----Dance fitness for all ages;
Sundays at 1pm
Tuesday at 7pm

Women on Weights----- a cardio interval/circuit training class for all ages: Mondays at 7pm, Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
nanacher@eastlink.ca

Eureka and District Fire Department Cash Draw Winners



The winner of the January Cash Draw was Carol Watling of Hopewell and the winner of February's draw was Adventure Motors, New Glasgow.
The Eureka and District Fire Department wishes to thank everyone for their great support!

YOGA With Karen Berezowski

St Columba Hall, Hopewell, Saturdays 10:00am

Program will run for 6 weeks, 1 hr sessions begin Saturday March 19th \$8.00 each. Open to all levels and ages. Some mats provided

More info call Betty D. 923-1921



There are an amazing amount of **street lights** out in the area. These lights are part of our tax bill and therefore we should have them. To get them fixed, all you need to do is call 1-800-428-6230 and then press the # for burned out street lights. You give them the location and the civic # and they get it fixed pretty quickly. **Thanks Lisa for bringing this to our attention!**



**The Pastoral Players
Drama Club is at it again!!**

*This year we are offering you a
Sweet Time Theatre*

with decadent desserts, tea and coffee

The presentation of "**Just the Two of Us**" by Joan F Johnston will be performed on Friday and Saturday April 8/9th 7pm at St Columba Hall, Hopewell.

Tickets will be sold 1 day only, Sat. April 2nd at St Columba, 2-4pm and 6-8pm. \$15.00 per person. To enquire about the availability of any unsold tickets after this date, call 923-1921.

For those unable to attend on the above dates, there will be a Dress Rehearsal on Wednesday April 6th at a cost of \$5.00.



Time Out For Seniors

Bridgeville United Church

Fridays 12noon - 2pm, starting March 18th

Eight weeks of lunch and programs related to senior citizens. Come have lunch and enjoy a break from winter isolation. **Free admission.**

To reserve your spot and/or request a ride please call 923-2410.

This event made possible through funding from Pictou County Wellness Fund.



Sunday Church Services

- **The East River Pastoral Charge & Caledonia Presbyterian Church's** are on a two week cycle with 10am services alternating between Springville and St Paul's for the winter months with Rev Susan Smith
- **United Church Services:** 9:30am Bridgeville Church, 11:00am St. Columba United, Hopewell.

- **First Presbyterian Church**, Hopewell 9:45am **Holy Week Services 9:45 -** Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday



Calling all crafters

There will be an opportunity for local crafters to sell their wares at the Rural Conference being held in the East River valley on April 16th.

Crafters will set up at Plymouth Community centre. The craft show will be open to conference delegates as well as the general public.

For more information contact Kelly at 752-6159 ext.224



MUSIC LESSONS

THURSDAYS from 4 - 9 JAKKI ROGUE is offering MUSIC LESSONS—guitar, piano or voice— at St. Columba Church Hall in Hopewell. Call 923-2395 to book your appointment.



Volunteer Fire Department Contacts

East River Valley Fire Department:
Kevin Stewart, Chief,
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Eureka and District Fire Department:
Bill Holley, Chief, RR#2 Hopewell, B0K 1C0
(H) 923-2069 or cell 754-9115
For more information on East River Valley Area and Services, please visit our website at eastrivervalley.ca



Fashions by Lisa

Lisa Potts of “Fashions By Lisa” grew up in Halifax with a close-knit extended family. Spending lots of time with her maternal grandmother, a talented seamstress, proved to set the wheels in motion for a hobby that would lead to a lifelong love and career. After graduating high school, Lisa attended Mount Saint Vincent University for a Home Economics Degree, where she realized she wanted something different. In 1980 she packed up and left for Toronto to attend George Brown College, graduating with a diploma in Creative Fashion Design and a certificate in Apparel Pattern Drafting.

Lisa worked in the industry in Toronto for the next four years and in 1987 decided to move back to Nova Scotia. After doing some work for Neptune Theatre and a local wedding designer, in 1988 Lisa took a one-year contract at Holland College in Summerside, teaching tomorrow's designers and also met her future husband. While in Summerside she entered the Atlantic Festival of Fashion and was one of the eight finalists.

In the fall of 1989, Lisa and Rodney moved to New Glasgow and a year later settled in nearby Hopewell, getting married in 1990. In her spare time, Lisa volunteers at her local church with events and the Youth Group. She also is a member of Pictou County Crime Prevention and ERVCDA.

Fashions By Lisa had always been a dream, which came true in 1992. While also completing alterations of all kinds, Lisa specializes in creating one of a kind Prom Dresses and Wedding Gowns. Whether you have a picture in hand or a picture in your head, Lisa can create anything. She has experience in leather, fur, uniforms, children’s clothing, draperies and even cloth diapers.

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EASTER GREETINGS FROM ALL OF US AT SPOTLIGHT NEWSLETTER!!



Dear Friends,
Our Government is acting to respect our senior citizens. We have improved Government programs in support of seniors: increasing seniors’ fixed incomes by raising the Age Credit another \$1000, introduced pension income splitting, expanded the Compassionate Care Benefit, additional investments in the Seniors New Horizon Program, increased the amount that can be earned with Guaranteed Income Supplement, and are educating Canadians against elder abuse and fraud. With your ongoing support and continued input, I look forward to working with you on these important initiatives.
Sincerely,
Hon. Peter MacKay, MP for Central Nova




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Free Introductory Zumba Class

Interested in seeing what Zumba is all about??

Come join in the fun at the IOOF in Hopewell on Saturday April 2nd 1:00pm for a free introductory class

Further classes, schedule and cost of classes TBA depending upon interest

Call 923-2648 for more info
Hope to see you there!!



March Break Day Camp a Success!

We had a very busy March Break Day Camp at First Church Hopewell. We had 39 kids registered. We read about Queen Esther, King David and the King of kings Jesus. We made crowns, spectres, musical instruments and beaded necklaces. We played games and sang some new songs. Thanks to Martha, and Marlene as well as parent helpers we had hotdogs, juice, timbits and cookies. Everyone was very busy and had lots of fun and took their creations home with them. The older teens were a great help with the younger members. We are so lucky to have such wonderful helpers.

Submitted by Bonnie Crockett

Hopewell & Area Youth Groups
First Presbyterian Church Hall,
Hopewell, Wed. evenings
Jewels 5:30-6:30 (ages 3-7)
Gems 6:30-7:30 (ages 8-10)
Youth Group 7:30- 8:30 (ages 11+)
New Members Welcome!

North Nova March Newsletter

Paper copies of the newsletter are available in the school office or you can go to the school website www.north-nova.com and click the link on the homepage . A new list of available scholarships and awards has been posted to the website, see the link below.

<http://north-nova.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/notes-from-the-student-services-march-10-11.pdf>



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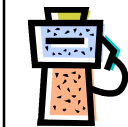
Pictou County’s second rural economic development conference is a full-day program scheduled to take place April 16, 2011 in the East River Valley. “This conference will provide an opportunity to promote networking opportunities, dialogue, sharing of information, planning and engaging communities which aids and supports sustainable development,” says organizer Kelly McVicar. “East River Valley is an example of effective community economic development.”

Spearheading the initiative is the Pictou Regional Development Agency (PRDA), with the support of a steering committee drawn from a cross section of rural representatives, citizens and business people. The conference will offer a mix of key note speakers, a fantastic trade show (taking place at the Dr. W.A. MacLeod School in Riverton) and workshops, the theme will focus on best practices in rural community development, leadership, local successful entrepreneurs and opportunities within rural communities. CONNECT. LIVE. SHARE. Arlene McGregor, rural conference steering committee member and active volunteer expresses, “this conference highlights our vibrant and connected communities. The East River Valley is a great place to live and we’re excited to showcase it all”.


For more information regarding the conference including a schedule of events, please visit the website listed below or contact ERVCD A Coordinator Glenda Fulton Dean at 755-2899 or gfultondean@eastlink.ca


<http://www.pictourda.ca/rural-conference/>

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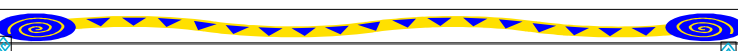
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Conference: 9:00am to 4:00pm

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