Community Spirit is always abundant in the East River Valley, especially now that Spring is approaching and people are again getting their properties ready for another beautiful summer. I know it is close when I drive to and from work through Lorne, Hopewell, Eureka and into town and see my neighbors raking the gravel of the lawn after a long dark winter of plowing and shoveling.

Please, allow me to introduce myself as not everyone will know me. My name is Denise Martin and I have been a resident of Lorne for 12 years. I know that Spotlight encourages and promotes economic and cultural development for all their residents so I would like to take a little of your time to tell my story.

I have always believed in giving back to the community and for many years now have volunteered to do such things as donating food and time to the local community center for Dances and Fundraisers, as well as working at and preparing food for Pot Luck Suppers at Church so they can raise much needed money for their various efforts. Then I got thinking about what else I can offer my community and beyond and then it came to me. Tell my friends and neighbors what I do for so many other people and the types of questions I answer on a daily basis.

After five years with a large Financial Company out of Dartmouth, I took a position with a wonderful company with an office right here in New Glasgow. That company is Investors Group, and I couldn't be more happy with my decision. They help out the community by donating money to the Local Food Bank and help raise money for Big Brothers/ big Sisters here in Pictou County. Everyone here has the same thing in mind and that is doing the best possible job for their client, who likely is their friend, neighbor, cousin or even a referral.

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And one more thing, how does FREE sound? There is no cost to sit and talk about your situation with me. If you did make any changes that brought your business portfolio to Investors Group, I would be compensated by my company for my work and ongoing service commitment. Is that fair? I can be contacted either at the office 752-2390 ext 2285 or cell 771-0684.

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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 through economic and cultural development.

#### **Note from the Chair - Dave**

As we enter ERVCDA's fifth year I would like to express my appreciation to Arlene MacGregor and her team, Tracey Wilmot – Vice Chair, Denise White – Secretary, and Penny Wilson – Treasurer, for their tireless efforts in keeping up the progression our association has made. However, we aren't losing any of them as Arlene will still be an active member of the executive as immediate past Chairperson and Denise will be devoting more time to the Newsletter. This year Tracey and Penny return in their same positions, Libby Fraser joins us as Secretary and I have been recycled as Chair. We look forward to continuing the development of our association and intend to direct our efforts more towards economical development. A continuing theme in ERVCDA's history has been the recruitment of volunteers and ways to increase participation. The thought is that without a permanent home people were never sure when or where meetings would take place; to address this problem we have decided to hold a meeting on the first Monday of every month at 7 PM at the IOOF Hall in Hopewell. In addition, to make it easier to plan we will be including a schedule of markets and other events in the "Spotlight". We will also be publishing a list of specific jobs that need volunteers so that those of you who dislike meetings can select a job you would like to help with and deal directly with the person involved. Speaking of the Market, we hope to start earlier this year in late July or early August (perhaps even using the school house) and really hope that gardeners will plant extra for that purpose. Anyone who has brought produce to the market has sold out in record time. Baking (especially fresh bread) is also a guaranteed hit. The delay in mounting Ancestral Acknowledgement plaques in the kiosks has proven to be a huge embarrassment for the Association. However, I think we now have a grip on the problem and will have the situation corrected this spring. Enough for now, I am looking forward to working with you all. We need a Webmaster desperately!



#### **Birthday Greetings to Hopewell Residents**

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- The Plymouth Community Centre is available for rent. For more information please contact Glenda 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 Ladies Auxiliary Coffee Party April 17th 10am - 12 noon
- **East River Ladies Auxiliary Easter Tea and Sale Bridgeville Fire hall** Saturday, April 3

2pm-4pm

- The East River Valley Fire Department will be hosting their Annual Ham and Salad Take-out Suppers on May 1st, cost is \$6.00, which includes dessert. Firefighters will be selling tickets prior to this date. If you do not receive a visit or call and are interested in getting a meal, please contact Lynn Carter 923-2536 or Kevin Stuart 923-2893.
- **Pot Luck Supper** Wednesday, May 5, 2010 4pm until SOLD OUT First Presbyterian Church, Hopewell **Take Out Available** Adults \$8 Children under 12 \$4
- The Riverton Community Club welcomes new members. Why not come for a short monthly • meeting, followed by a fun game of cards and small lunch? Interested? Just contact any Club member for the date of the next meeting. The hall is available for rentals also. Contact either Jim MacCulloch at 752-8879 or Doug Ross at 752-8079. Donna Mitchell, Secretary at 396-3466

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#### **Weekly Card Parties**

- Plymouth Fire Hall Tuesdays at 2pm
- Bridgeville Community Club Saturdays at 7:30pm
- Hopewell IOOF Hall Tuesdays at 7:30pm
- Riverton Community Club Mondays at 7:30pm

#### **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.
- **United Church Services**: 9:30am Bridgeville Church, 11:00am St.Columba United, Hopewell. A combined Contemporary Worship Service is held alternately between the churches on the last Sunday of the month—Combined services on April 25th will be in St.Columba Church at 11am. On May 30th in Bridgeville at 9:30am
- First Presbyterian Church, Hopewell 9:45am

#### **Bridgeville United Church**

The folks at Bridgeville Church have been busy. The Valentine Dinner on Feb 13<sup>th</sup> was a huge success and that was followed by the Pancake Supper on Feb 16<sup>th</sup>. Both events provided ample opportunity to socialize with friends and neiahbours.

A cozy corner has been created in the church. Thanks to Mike & Judy for the donation of a love seat. This corner will provide a place for children to play during the worship service and for Rev Heather to meet with folks during her office time in Bridgeville. Please feel free to drop in and chat with Heather, at the church, whenever you see the sign on the door saying she is present.

A small kitchenette is in the planning stages. There have been donations of cupboards, sink and countertop along with folks waiting to stock the cupboards with extras from home. A wiring upgrade is needed before this project can proceed.

The second annual "Lenten Luncheon Series" took place during Lent. A ten minute reflection followed by a tasty lunch and social time filled the 40 minutes. Holy Week was filled with the last Lenten luncheon, Maundy Thursday service and then an Easter Sunday family service with communion.

April 30<sup>th</sup> there will be a soup lunch at Churchville Hall at 11:30. The last weekend in May 28-30 there will be an art show at the church. Anyone with paintings or other items to share for our display please call 923-2285.

#### What Stop Lights on the Elgin Road?????

No! Traffic was really not that heavy during the month of February. Dexter Construction were installing much needed new side rails on the bridge that spans the East River on the Elgin side. Rather than a person on duty holding their stop sign in the cold a portable stop light was used while the bridge was down to one lane during repairs.



The United Way of Pictou County celebrates 50 years in the community this year, and we plan to celebrate in a big way. More importantly, we want Pictou County to celebrate the occasion along with us. We wouldn't be here without the support and generosity of this community.

#### You own and are the United Way.

We invite everyone to our Annual General Meeting to launch our birthday year on Tuesday, April 27 at NSCC cafeteria 6:30pm - 8:30pm

United Way of Pictou County's mission is: "To improve lives and build community by engaging individuals and mobilizing collective action."

Congratulations to all Pictou County for their success through the United Way of Pictou County in raising over \$335,000 to be used all in Pictou County to improve lives.

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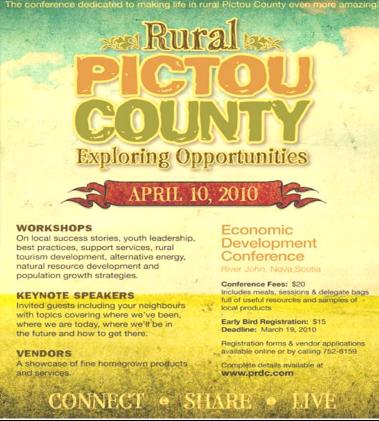




#### A Message from Deputy Warden

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and say it's good that winter is over with. I would also like to congratulate the ERVCDA for all the work they are doing. Keeping this news letter alive is guite a job and the people of the East River Valley look forward to it. I would like to encourage people on the ERV to attend the meetings of the ERVCDA to extend their help and ideas on how to keep our communities alive and thriving. There is already one other area looking to start their own development association after visiting the ERVCDA. Spring, they say is time for a new start, so maybe we can get some more people out to the meetings. There is a lot of work go into the ERVCDA and it must be kept going to benefit our areas. Everyone is welcome, young or older, you will find it interesting and enjoyable.

Thank you,
Fielding P. Smith, Deputy Warden
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#### Clarrie MacKinnon, MLA, Pictou East

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#### **Message from Councillor Andy Thompson**

I came to council in November 2008 to represent the area and promote growth and investment into our communities. It's a pleasure visiting community events, whether it was at a Volunteers recognition night at the Plymouth Fire Hall, the tree lighting at the Plymouth Community Centre or attending other functions in our District.

We have the best of both worlds here in District 11. We enjoy a rural lifestyle and benefit from our close proximity to the urban core of Pictou County. I enjoy a productive and cooperative relationship working with fellow councillors, neighbouring municipal units and our local MLA, Clarrie MacKinnon and our Member of Parliament, Peter MacKay.

District 11 comprises the communities of Walkerville, Priestville, Plymouth, Mountville, Churchville, River Road and a portion of Irish Mountain. It is my hope, as your councillor, to build on our strengths as a community, support the work of local volunteer groups and lobby for infrastructure investments for our area.

To this end, at the February 2009 council meeting, I moved a resolution making central sewer services for Upper Plymouth/ MacLellan's Brook the number one capital priority of County Council. This motion was seconded by Deputy Warden Fielding Smith, who represents MacLellan's Brook. As a result, obtaining central sewer services for these areas is the number one priority for our municipality.

More recently, council selected the engineering firm to conduct a Sewage Options study for the Plymouth/MacLellan's Brook area. The successful engineering firm was CBCL Ltd. from Halifax. The \$72,000 study will define the various options for sewage hook up and treatment. We expect a preliminary report spring 2010. This will be the basis for a future request for infrastructure funding from both the Provincial and Federal governments.

Residents in the Plymouth/MacLellan's Brook area have waited patiently to be hooked into a central sewer. Requests for central sewer date back four decades when area residents went door-to-door in the community with a petition to get hooked into the sewer system.

Another infrastructure need for our community is sidewalks in the Blue Acres area. Municipal staff is working on costing for sidewalks in conjunction with the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal. This is the only part of the "Loop" that doesn't have sidewalks. I believe sidewalks would greatly improve pedestrian safety in this busy section.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of our volunteer sector. The Churchville Women's Institute are strong supporters of the breakfast program at Dr. W.A. MacLeod Elementary School .The Golden Glen Seniors Club meets each week and donates money to several organizations. The Plymouth Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary are a prime example of an organization working hard to contribute and ensure the Fire Department is equipped and on a sound footing. In September 2009, a new executive was formed to manage and revitalize the Plymouth Community Centre. Their executive is focused on revitalizing the building as a multi-purpose recreation centre for our communities. The membership is currently pursuing several capital and other grants to upgrade the facilities. Also I would like to commend the work of the East River Valley Economic Development Association who work tirelessly to promote our communities.

If you have any questions or concerns please give me a call at 695-2356 or send me an e-mail at <a href="mailto:athompson@county.pictou.ns.ca">athompson@county.pictou.ns.ca</a>



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## The Mad Trapper

If you lived in Sunny Brae in the 1940's, you will most certainly remember Logan Angevine. A
 creative man; he turned a Model A Ford into, what we would call today, a camper van. An
 intellectual man; he forged his own way through life. An eccentric man; he marched to the
 beat of his own drum.

I am told that in good weather, he lived out of that car. It was fixed with a bed in the back
 that could be lowered with chains. He most likely kept his most precious possessions in it, as he
 had no home that he called his own.

Known locally as The Mad Trapper, a name borrowed from a legendary man from "Out West",
 Logan Angevine did just that, trapped; anything and everything, from cougars and foxes to
 raccoons and skunks.

Besides being known as a trapper, Logan was perhaps better known for his photography; a
 passion that becomes obvious when you spend any amount of time looking through his photo
 albums. He seemed to be ahead of his time with technique; capturing images in unique ways.
 I'm sure he will be remembered mainly for his portraits of families, professionally done and
 framed, intended to be cherished as heirlooms.

My favorite pictures, however, are the ones of everyday life; ladies sitting around the kitchen table; you can almost hear their conversation; a man with calloused hands perusing pictures; a young man(maybe Logan's brother Lyle) smiling sheepishly at the camera as he blows cigarette smoke; Logan's Uncle Pat, with his trained cat. You feel as though you are stepping back through time while looking at these photos, and glimpsing into lives long forgotten.

Originally, Logan came from Cumberland County, the Oxford area, where most of his relatives
 lived and still do. There is an area known as "Angevine's Corner" where Logan was born and his
 father lived and ran a store. When he first came to Sunny Brae, he boarded with the
 Sutherlands at Mile Three.

Logan lived in the Sunny Brae area until sometime in the 1950's. After working himself to the point of exhaustion, he was advised by his doctor to take a much needed break .He chose to live at the Riverton Home and did so for almost 17 years. While there, his possessions, including 100's of traps and one of his two cars, were sold by the Home. I am told that years later he did get his car back. When he finally left the Riverton Home, he lived in various boarding houses, including "The American House" and a seniors' Complex in New Glasgow. He died at Camp Hill Hospital in 1996. In November, 2009, I was thrilled to find his photos, and after a few months of research, came up with some interesting information about the man and his life. I am sure you will enjoy the few I have selected to include and if you would like to see more, check out the ERV website at eastrivervalley.ca.



#### **PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Since August of 2009, a newly elected executive has been formed and has been working together to achieve a common goal: **Keep our Community Centre Open**. In order to do this we had to establish a starting point and quickly realized that finances would be our first and main concern.

We had organized a few events over the past seven months that have enabled us to keep oil in the tank and allow community members to use the building for various events; birthday parties, etc.

Currently, we are awaiting notification of possible funding from various government agencies. The Centre is in great need of a "cosmetic make-over". We have applied for, and received funding from the Wellness Fund for a Community Garden Party, likely to be held in June. The Senior's room was our first venture and we have just received word that partial funding has been granted to renovate that area. We will now apply for funding for a front entrance access ramp.

With all of these steps in place, the executive feels we are on the right track. It is a slow process; it may take us a year or more to have the building in tip top shape. It will be available to rent later in the spring. Recently, the furnace has had to be disconnected, and we are in the process of having alternate sources implemented. Throughout the winter, daily maintenance of the building has been down to Ruth and Jack Thompson. Leo Thompson kindly plows the driveway, and keeps the mail box area cleared. In summer, Peter Clark takes great care of the lawn.

In conjunction with the annual 40/50 mile Yard Sale, the Community Centre would like to host its own sale. If you have anything you would like to donate to the cause, you can contact Gerry Moore at 755-3995 to make arrangements.

We are thankful to the many volunteers who have helped out in so many ways and are always looking forward to working alongside any others interested in helping out.

The Plymouth Community Centre is excited about the prospect of hosting "Teen Dances", beginning later this spring. The dances would focus on children from ages 11-14. This venture is still in "idea" mode but will hopefully soon become reality as we organize volunteers and put together a team of parents and community members to assist us with fulfilling our plans. Initially, we are seeking feedback from the community. Any questions, or concerns can be directed to Kevin Kinnaird at <a href="mailto:k.kinnaird@hotmail.com">k.kinnaird@hotmail.com</a>. Or phone 923-2465.

#### ~WINS Churchville Branch~

Churchville WINS celebrated "Womens' Institutes of Nova Scotia Week" in February by placing baked cookies in neighbouring mailboxes especially made by the hands of the individual members. They also sent a goodie basket to East Coast FM 94.1 for promotional purposes for WINS Week. The Churchville WINS meet monthly, the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm, and welcome new members at any time. Our monthly meetings include guest speakers who share their wisdom on informative topics, an information session where the ladies share tidbits always learning something new, and also during the meetings the members report on their committees ie: Agriculture/Nova Scotia Industries, Health & Welfare, International Affairs, to name a few, and share something interesting they have learned; not to mention we enjoy a social hour with a delicious lunch served. For more information regarding becoming a member or wanting to attend our meetings as our guest you may contact any of our executive Arlene MacGregor, Muriel Hines, Pauline Murphy, Dawn Hodgson or Margie Taylor.

Submitted by Margie Taylor, Churchville Branch Secretary.

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