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Dave Gunning to Play Gathering of the Clans

Dave Gunning was born in Pictou County. Over the span of his career, Gunning has released thirteen albums, received a Juno Award nomination and has been awarded two Canadian Folk Music Awards and recognized with eight East Coast Music Awards.

He is known for the incorporation of story telling into his live show. In particular, Gunning relates anecdotes of notable characters from Pictou County and performs impressions of musicians that he has worked with over the years.

His songwriting skill has also been internationally recognized, with tunes scoring victories and high placings in major international songwriting competitions. As a fervent hockey fan, Dave was also thrilled to win the CBC's hotly-contested Hockey Night In Canada Song Quest in 2014 with "A Game Goin' On", a co-write with David Francey. Gunning has also remained in demand as a producer working with many artists.

For now, though, his concentrated focus is on *Up Against The Sky*. The record, and all that's yet to come from this compelling artist, can be looked forward to with great anticipation.



For more information on the Gathering, please see Page 6.

<https://davegunning.com/Wikipedia>

5th Annual Johnny Cash Day Deemed a Great Success!



Busy scene at the Pugwash Co-Op on Johnny Cash Day, February 26th. Fried bologna sandwiches and cake were part of this annual fund raiser. Photo: Cerina Churchill

tion, there were many food donations made. Plus, a lot of people had a very nice lunch."

His thanks, and ours to: Principal Shawn Brunt and students, Josie Gullens and Taylor Spicer of the Pugwash District High School for presenting the food drive donations and to all the PDHS students who wore black in support of the Johnny Cash Day; to the students of the Cyrus Eaton Elementary School pre-primary class for joining us with their food donations; to Winnie Coulter for the cakes; to Sheryl's Bakery for the cupcakes; to Canada Bread and Maple Leaf Foods for bread and bologna; to the Co-op staff; to all the volunteers who made it happen and to the participants who joined us for fried baloney sandwiches and cake and donated food items and money for this worthy cause.

Logan Duffield of the Open Hamper Food Bank said in an e-mail, "I wanted to let you know that today's Johnny Cash Day activity raised a total of \$2,700 for the Open Hamper Food Bank. That is an increase of over 25% from last year. In addition,

Special thanks go to Steve Arkens, manager of the Co-op and Bert and Patricia McWade for the organising, publicity and hosting of the event.

Alison Bidwell, Pugwash Co-Op Board



SUSTAINABILITY HUB for 2020!

The Pugwash Farmers' Market looks forward to another excellent, dynamic summer . It will officially open for the season on Saturday May 16 at 8:30am.

Follow us on Facebook for updates to the 2020 Wellness Tent programs supported by the Wallace, Wentworth, Pugwash and Area Community Health Board. Sustainability is this year's theme, with an emphasis on Recycle, Repurpose, Reuse, Refuse. The Sustainability Hub will provide a hands-on, interactive space at the market each Saturday morning, focussed on helping people of all ages discover innovative ways to reduce their environmental footprint, making Pugwash and area a healthy, conscious community now and into the future.

The Pugwash Farmer's Market intends to lead by example, instituting measures to cut our disposables and plastics, and use best practices in every way we can in our 2020 season. To support these initiatives, the Sustainability Hub program will feature information about how to recycle, how to repurpose or reuse items and encourage them to reduce unnecessary packaging, avoid food waste, eat local food in season through a series of events and presentations by local experts.

Are you an entrepreneur at heart? Have you thought about becoming a market vendor? Don't be afraid to give it a try. We would love to hear from you and support your ideas and ventures. Please contact us for more information: Norene Smiley 902-243-2073, 902-297-8475, pugwashmarket@gmail.com .

Our AGM will be Thursday, April 23rd at 6pm at the Peace Hall, Victoria Street. Come join us for a pot luck supper and meet our board of directors and vendors.

Norene Smiley, Chair

Home Alone Course

For ages 9-11
Tuesday, March 24th
Cyrus Eaton Elementary School

Help your child build valuable skills for a lifetime

St John's Ambulance certified course

To register, contact Michelle at 1.902.763.3000 or mherrett@cumberland county.ns.ca

Past Co-Op Board Members Recognized

Presentations were made recently to two past board directors by Co-op manager Steve Arkens on behalf of the Co-op and its Board of Directors.



Greg Smiley, Past President of the Pugwash Co-op Board of Directors, was presented with a framed Fred Horton photograph as an acknowledgement and thanks for Greg's five years as President of the Co-op Board of Directors and 10 years of membership and service on the Board.



Helen Cameron was presented with a framed Fred Horton photograph of the historic Eaton Stage as an acknowledgement and thank you for her 32 years of service as the Recording Secretary for the Board. Helen said, "I will always treasure it and I have it hanging where I can see it as it brings back lots of good memories".

Article: Alison Bidwell , Photos: Sherry Arkens

Visit the Pugwash Village website at www.pugwashvillage.com

Listings include local businesses, government services, volunteer organizations, contacts, history of the Village and events. A COVID-19 fact sheet was recently added as a link.



Pugwash Communities in Bloom: People, Plants and Pride Growing Together!

Maureen Leahey, Chair

Join with CIB this Spring to make our community a cleaner more beautiful green place!

Great Pugwash Tree Blitz 2020

Interested in replacing trees lost by Dorian, enhancing your property, adding ecological value to our environment? CIB is hosting a series of events to preserve and increase the canopy of Pugwash.

Growing Trees for Beauty and Pleasure

April 16, 7-8:30 pm, Curling Club. Pick up tips as Jerry Draheim, lifetime horticulturalist, local gardener, and farmer, presents

Planting to Attract Pollinators April 30th, 7-8:30 pm, Curling Club. Enjoy learning Jerry Draheim's secrets.

CIB Plant & Tree Sale, May 9th, 9-noon. Buy interesting unique or common plants. Pick up free tree seedlings. Consult with knowledgeable gardeners/ tree specialists.

Celebrate Earth Day/Great Garbage Challenge, April 25, 9-12 pm! Join your friends, neighbours, children and grandchildren to clean up your road/street/yard. Use the dumpster located that weekend on the Salt Mine Wharf.

Open Air Art Gallery. Think of beautiful artwork created by local artists and displayed at various outdoor locations in Pugwash! CIB is developing plans for a permanent Open Air Art Gallery for Summer 2020. Keep a watch!

Let's celebrate! Congratulations to Dot Pal on receiving the YMCA Peace Medal for her work with the food bank, founding the community garden and initiating the sharing kitchen! A very well deserved recognition for a retired teacher with a passion for equity and health promotion.

Congratulations to all the participants in the PDHS 2020 Science and Heritage Fairs! Lots of research, investigations, thoughtful conclusions and interesting projects! Special acknowledgements to our CIB Award Winners: Ethan Gullens (grade 7) for "Bio-degradable Gum Package"; Sven Schouten

(grade 8) for "Solar Power"; Rachel Trenholm for "Breaking the Tension"; Chloe Miller (grade 9) for F50399: Corporal Ernest L. (Tom) Miller; and Wyatt Ferdinand (grade 8) for "The Lucky Star".

National CIB Judges are coming! This summer two national judges will visit and evaluate Pugwash. The competition is more challenging this year as Pugwash strives to excel against previous national winners. Join with us by preparing your gardens and properties.

Making Charitable Donations to CIB. Now you can receive a charitable tax receipt when you donate to CIB! This is a benefit for donors and will help in raising funds for our many projects. Call Mary Maron 902-257-2468 or Maureen Leahey 902-243-3454 for information.

CIB AGM. All welcome, Thursday, April 16th, 1-2 pm, Peace Hall, Victoria Street, Pugwash. **Check our Facebook page. CIB welcomes new members.** All skills needed. Call: Mary Maron 902-257-2468 or Maureen Leahey 902-243-3454.

Babysitting Course

Saturday April 4th
10am to 4pm
Pugwash Fire Station
\$30

Registration and information:
Michelle Herrett 1.902.763.3000 or
mherrett@cumberlandcounty.ns.ca

YMCA certified course

Flowers and Rocks

Look out for the spring flowers the Village and residents planted last fall.

Other colourful items are the peace rocks painted by locals including the Mixed Palette Art Group. Pick one up, leave it somewhere new.

While walking along the boardwalk, check out the inspirational quotes found on the carved sandstone rocks near each light post.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED (SEP 2020)
www.nsisp.ca/become-host-family

- 3, 5, or 10 month placements
- grades 7-12
- host families receive \$625/month (tax free) to help with cost of hosting
- contact us for more info

Chignecto Central
Borough-Centre de l'Est

Busy Summer at Thinkers Lodge



The 2019 season at Thinkers Lodge and Lobster Factory was extremely busy, primarily with weddings and conferences. Tourists came from every province and territory in Canada and 33 of the American states. From outside North America, travelers arrived from nineteen countries, with those from Germany signing the guest book most often.

The economic spinoffs for the village of Pugwash and surrounding area are numerous. For example, Sunset Industries handles all our weekly laundry of huge bags of bedding, towels and kitchen linens. Guests often stop by at the Farmers Market on Saturdays and cottages, motels and bed & breakfast rentals are necessary to accommodate the overflow of guests. It would be impossible to serve the guests without the local Co-op, service stations, and caterers. A remarkable amount of ice is purchased for events through the summer, one of many items sourced locally. While touring

the facility, visitors are guided to local cafés, restaurants and places to shop locally.

Thinkers Lodge is grateful to our university students who give tours to these eager tourists. They are also responsible for overseeing maintenance issues including garbage and recycling, mowing lawns, running cafés and open mics, and preparing the lodge for all the weddings and conferences. Cameron, Harvey, Abby & Emma were our friendly, knowledgeable, students excellently represented Thinkers Lodge.

Patsy Cox



The Friends of the Pugwash Estuary have been enjoying one of the best winter hiking seasons in several years. Both trails are in very good condition and have been used by locals and visitors through the season.

The FOPE AGM was held on Feb 23rd at the curling club. Our Guest speaker was Adrien Martynkiw who presented a very interesting and informative talk on the interconnectedness of the forest ecosystem and the impressive characteristics of Burr Oak. A review of our past year acknowledged the research work done by the summer students, mapping and identifying the plants on our salt marshes. The importance of partnering with other organizations (NCC, CIB, Clean NS and Fisheries) was noted as providing opportunities to engage in activities that support our mandate.

Two new Board members, Mary Purdy and Eleanor Conrad, were elected to replace retir-

FOPE trails kept busy all year

ing members Theresa Rushton and Dean Hunter. FOPE wishes to thank the retiring members of the board for their service and the new members for agreeing to help with the organization. Special thanks to Maureen Woodlock in particular for her many years as treasurer.

Contact Sarah Witney at 243 2985 or Betty Hodgson at 243 2476 for Sunday hikes. Our next FOPE event will be a celebration of Earth Day on April 22nd, with Clean NS presenting a workshop at 6:30pm at the curling club on their salt-marsh restoration project. The next bird count will be the Spring Migratory Bird Count 9 am at Estuary House on May 16th.

For news, pictures and events, follow us on our web page pugwashestuary.com or on Facebook : Friends of the Pugwash Estuary.

Betty Hodgson, FOPE Chair

NCC Looking to expand protection of Pugwash Estuary

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is seeking donations to help protect important habitat for wildlife in northern Nova Scotia, near Pugwash. The charitable land trust is working to conserve a 65-hectare (162 acre) parcel of forested land on the southeastern shore of the Pugwash Estuary. The coastal property would expand NCC's Pugwash Estuary Nature Reserve to 644 hectares (1,591 acres) and create a continuous corridor of protected land along the Pugwash River.



The Pugwash Estuary is a critical stopover site for more than two dozen species of migratory shorebirds, such as greater yellowlegs, spotted sandpiper and willet. The estuary's extensive salt marshes, beaches, eel grass beds and mudflats provide habitat for American black duck, green-winged teal, common goldeneye and great blue heron. Eastern

wood-pewee, a species listed as special concern under Canada's *Species at Risk Act*, is also found in the area, along with rusty blackbird, a species listed as provincially endangered. By conserving the forest around the estuary, NCC is helping protect the overall health of the habitat.

The Pugwash Estuary Nature Reserve is a popular destination for birders and nature lovers and is one of NCC's Nature Destinations. The Nature Destinations program invites the public to explore some of the greatest examples of Canada's natural areas, from BC's interior to the prairie grasslands, to the coastal estuaries in Atlantic Canada. NCC maintains a trail at its Pugwash Estuary Nature Reserve in cooperation with Friends of the Pugwash Estuary. Visit <http://naturedestinations.ca/destinations/pugwash-estuary>.

NCC is a charitable land trust and a conservation leader in Canada. It has been conserving land in the Pugwash area for 30 years. For this conservation project, NCC must raise \$70,000 from community donors in order to secure matching funds from the Government of Canada, through the Canada Nature Fund.

Kathryn Morse, NCC Atlantic Director of Communications

Pugwash Village Hall

Spring office hours
Monday to Friday
9am to 1pm
or by appointment

Clerk Treasurer:
Lisa Betts
Phone: **902 243 2946**

e-mail:
villagecommission
@pugwashvillage.com

124 Water Street
PO Box 220
Pugwash, NS
B0K 1L0

The Village Hall has space available for a variety of uses and meeting sizes. This is FREE to non-profit groups. Please call the Clerk to book a time at: 902-243-2946



Pugwash Visitor Information Centre

Spring hours
Closed until May.
Open by chance or by Appointment

Volunteers welcome

Pugwash Village Hall
124 Water Street
902 243 2088

NORTH CUMBERLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The Thrift Shop reopened early January and, except for a few snow days, it has been operating on our regular hours. These are: Wednesday 1-4pm, Thursday 10am to 4pm and Saturday 9am-12 Noon. If the Shop is closed because of a storm, it will be posted on our Facebook page at ncmhathriftshop. If anyone wants to volunteer at the Thrift Shop, please contact Anita Seaman at 902-661-4340 or Wilma Logan at 902-243-3630.

A request to purchase a new mattress for the x-ray table at NCMH was approved at our December meeting.

Winners of our door prizes during Christmas by the Sea were Frankie Ferdinand and Marla Ross.

We meet at 2pm on the first Tuesday of the month in the hospital boardroom, except for January, February, July and August. Our monthly meetings resumed on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. New members are always welcome.

Faye Moore, NCMHA



Industries' Pallet Shop Makes Way for New Thrift Shop

In February, Sunset Community opened their newest thrift store at 2846 Crowley Road at the Sunset Industries' Pugwash location. To make room for the shop, the two woodworking shops were combined into one at a separate building. Furniture and other items are still being manufactured, but the pallet shop no longer operates. The thrift shop is open to the public on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8am to 4pm. The thrift shop is accepting donations of clothing and small household items for sale in either the store or through the online auction.

The new store in Pugwash operates in Partnership with Sunset's Social Enterprise thrift store and laundromat in Oxford. The store in Oxford has been a tremendous success and we are hoping for the same at our new Pugwash location. Anyone interested in following the sunset Online Auctions can find it on Facebook at "Sunset Industries Pugwash".

Randy Thompson, Social Enterprise Manager

Outdoor Walking Challenge!



Both the Malagash/Wallace area and the Pugwash area have beautiful scenic trails and areas to walk. They also have halls and schools where walking takes place on a regular basis. Therefore, the Malagash/Wallace area would like to challenge the Pugwash area to a walking competition.

Outdoor walking is encouraged but everything counts!

The competition will run from noon on Saturday, March 21st until noon on Saturday, March 28th.

Let us know the length of time you walked and where by contacting Colleen.dowe@nshealth.ca, clangille@sunsetcommunity.ca,

jbrogan53@gmail.com

Or visit Outdoor Walking Challenge on Facebook, or drop off at Sunset Industries

go for a walk



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69th Annual Gathering of the Clans
Bringing the Past into the Future

We got washed out last year with cold temperatures and lots of rain. The Highland Dance and on stage entertainment were moved to the High School. Volunteers and the school staff rallied to make everything come together.

The Bonnie Gael Huston Memorial Trophy in Highland Dance (Flora) was Larissa Godin of Bathurst, NB.

The only event that was postponed were the fireworks, which were set off on July 28th during HarbourFest. The heavyweight games and the pipe and drum players are tough, and they continued with their competitions outside. Four pipe bands competed. The parade was a little smaller than usual, but those that attended had a great time

2019 Parade Winners Commercial

- 1st Cunningham Construction
- 2nd K+S Windsor Salt
- 3rd K.T. Leard

Non Commercial

- 1st 4H
- 2nd Friends of the Pugwash Estuary
- 3rd Pugwash Communities in Bloom

- Antique Vehicles**
- 1st North Shore Tractor Club
 - 2nd The rusty truck (Stephen Conrod)
 - 3rd Orange truck (Kevin Smith)

Most Humorous
 Pugwash District Volunteer Fire Department

Animal
 Ava Mundle and friends with Girlie the cow

Our expected income at the gates was significantly reduced last year due to the appalling weather. If it were not for our sponsors, volunteers and other supporters, the festival would be in trouble. However, we have reserves to bring us through to get started on another festival.

The theme of the parade will be **2020 Vision: Bringing the Past into the Future**

This should create all kinds of imaginative parade float ideas. There is a large supply of paper flags at the Village Hall for those that need them to decorate their floats.

The Highland Dance competition will start things off at 8:30am. The Opening Ceremony is at 2pm and, after a 4pm sound check for artists, the music, with headline artist Dave Gunning, will keep toes tapping and young at heart dancing in the aisles until the fireworks go off around 10pm.

All the usual attractions and events will be going on with a couple of additions. Gallus Gael is a group of

reenactors who represent the Scots as they were 250 years ago - around the time of the battle of Culloden (and the popular books and TV series *Outlander*). Look out for some swordplay near their encampment in the park.

The Scottish Clans have been invited to bring their tents as they used to some years ago. We hope to see them return to Pugwash in the next few years.

Advance wristband sales proved to be very popular last year. Avoid the big rush right after the parade - purchase your wristbands ahead of time. They make for a great gift for friends and relatives. Wristbands can be bought at the Village Hall at the Visitor Information Centre.

Bring us your ideas for other side events, children's games or activities and we will see what else we can add to the busy day.

Staff

Sport, Exercise & Dance Classes

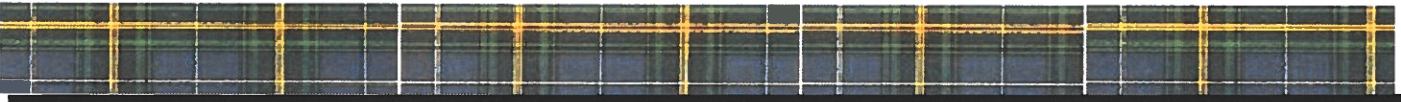
Ladies' Exercise
 10-11am Fridays. PDHS. \$5

Pickleball
 7pm Wednesdays. PDHS. \$2 Drop in

Walking Group
 9:30pm Tuesdays & Thursday. CEES FREE

Tai Chi - beginners
 Noon-1pm Thursday PDHS FREE

Yoga with Sara - Wednesdays. Peace Hall, \$10
 Classes will start again in June



Employment Opportunities for Summer Staff at the Village of Pugwash

Recreation Director: Develop and provide recreational activities for residents and visitors of potentially all age groups. Indoor/outdoor activities. Assist Clerk with events and festivals. Promote PHC. Hours and wage negotiable.

Visitor Information Centre Counsellor: One full time and one part time position available. Full time position starts May 11th, part time position starts in June. Applicant must be able to handle questions from visitors and residents regarding a wide range of local events, attractions and businesses. Must be computer competent. Conversational French a definite asset. Centre will be open 7 days a week late June to Labour Day. Includes weekends. 35 hours/week at \$13/hour.

Groundskeeper: Keep multiple Village owned properties mowed, clean and tidy. Assist other Public Works staff when required. Will be required to work weekends. 35 hours/week at \$13/hour.

Gardener: Maintain flower beds, shrubs and planters. Flexible hours. Part time. \$13/hour

Send resumé and covering letter to the Village Clerk Treasurer, PO Box 220, Pugwash, NS B0K 1L0 or villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com by April 17th.



15th HarbourFest Looking Forward to Another Successful Year

The 14th annual HarbourFest was an extremely successful one and the comments we received around the event

were positive and encouraging. The weather was perfect throughout the weekend. The festival stayed well within budget and we would like to thank all the sponsors for making it possible.

HarbourFest has now established the Homecoming and Dance as the kick off event. The Ellis brothers proved to be very popular again this year and the tickets were being sold out before they were printed! Around 250 attended a very enjoyable evening.

Saturday started with the pancake breakfast and the Salt Dash, which had over 40 runners. Some of the runners even completed the race in full firefighter gear. We are optimistic that this year will see even more runners.

Communities in Bloom reported that the Treasure hunt had a steady stream of treasure seekers, The Golf Across the Harbour was busy all day, and the Art Camp proved to be a great success with the children coming away with buttons, secret bottles and big smiles. The newly renamed Sinkers Conference (cardboard boat race) was once again a crowd pleaser. And the Soapbox Derby lined the street with its supporters. The music throughout the day added to the overall experience and gave pleasure to all the visitors sitting out in Eaton park.

Derailed, followed by the Canada Day fireworks that had been postponed to HarbourFest due to rain on July 1st, proved a wonderful way to end a wonderful day, and drew a large crowd. Many food vendors had to close up early as they had completely run out of supplies.

The festival continued to be a positive event right through to its end with the final activity on Sunday morning, Yoga in the Park being very well attended. It seems that HarbourFest certainly is a "Shore Thing".

As we look forward to this year, the 15th HarbourFest, we would be pleased to be able to increase our volunteer base and encourage you and others to get involved.

Kirsteen Tomson, Secretary

Spring Events

March

- 7th Cribbage & Chase the Ace (9)
- 8th Daylight savings time starts
- 9th Village Commission meeting (12)
- 10th Holi
- 14th St Patrick's Day dance (Wallace)
- 14th Caribbean Dance (Tatamagouche)
- 14th Legion St Pat's Day celebration (9)
- 16-21 Scavenger Hunt (8)
- 16-21 St Patrick's Day Craft (8)
- 19th Spring starts
- 21st Cribbage & Chase the Ace (9)
- 24th Home Alone Concert (2)
- 25th Keith Hallet concert (Tata)
- 28th Legion Brunch (9)
- 28th Outdoor Walking Challenge (5)
- 28th Chase the Ace (9)
- 29th NCCC closing event (11)

April

- 1st April Fools Day
- 4th Babysitting course (3)
- 4th Cribbage & Chase the Ace (9)
- 5th Pancake Supper (Wallace)
- 6th Tartan Day
- 6-9th Easter Craft Week (8)
- 8th Passover begins
- 8th PVFD bike ticket draw (8)
- 10th Good Friday
- 12th Easter Sunday
- 14th Free tax help (10)
- 16th Passover ends
- 16th Free tax help (10)
- 16th CIB AGM (3)
- 16th Growing Trees for Beauty and Pleasure (3)
- 17th Village summer job applications due (6)

- 18th Cribbage & Chase the Ace (9)
- 20th Village Commission meeting (12)
- 20-26 Lego Drop In Week (8)
- 22nd Earth Day (4)
- 22nd Ramadan starts
- 23rd Farmers Market AGM
- 25th Great Garbage Challenge (3)
- 25th Poetry at Large (Oxford)
- 25th Legion Brunch (9)
- 25th Chase the Ace (9)
- 25/26 Poetry at Large (Oxford)
- 30th Public Meeting - Library (8)
- 30th Planting to Attract Pollinators (3)
- 30th Roast beef supper (8)

May

- 2nd Cribbage & Chase the Ace (9)
- 9th Plant and tree sale (3)
- 9th Camp Pagweak work day (10)
- 9th Chase the Ace (9)
- 10th Mother's Day
- 11th Village Commission meeting (12)
- 16th Farmers' Market opens (2)
- 16th Cribbage & Chase the Ace (9)
- 16th Spring bird count (4)
- 16/18th Muscular Dystrophy drive (8)
- 18th Victoria Day
- 23rd Chase the Ace (9)
- 24th Eid-al-Fitr
- 28th Village AGM (12)
- 30th Legion Brunch (9)
- 30th Chase the Ace (9)

For more details - numbers in brackets refer to newsletter page numbers.

Most religious and secular holidays are also listed.

Out of Town events



The Grace Jollymore Joyce Arts Centre

- March 14th Hakuna MaTATAmagouche: Caribbean dance party
- March 25th Keith Hallet concert \$10
- April 4th "Seasons" theatre

All tickets available at the door. By donation if not otherwise indicated. For more information go to www.creamerysquare.ca

Saturday, April 25, 2020

8:10-2:00 Breakfast, \$10 Trinity United Theatre, Please Book in Advance, 582-447-2848
1:30 Downtown Poetry, Various Venues, Free
7:30 Celtic Music, Fish Meats, Trinity United Theatre, Free

3rd Annual

Poetry at Large
featuring
Richard Dittami, Ashley Avery
with Rosalee Campbell, Larry MacLeod, Megan McKel
For more info: www.facebook.com/PoetryatLargeOxford/

Sunday, April 26, 2020

1:30-3:00 Poetry Cafe, Trinity United Theatre, Free with Donations, Donations
featuring
Richard Dittami, Ashley Avery
with Rosalee Campbell, Larry MacLeod, Megan McKel
For more info: www.facebook.com/PoetryatLargeOxford/

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Wallace

March 14th
9-1am
St Patrick's Day
Dance
\$10

April 5th
11:30 to 6pm
Fire Dept
Pancake Supper
\$9 and \$5



From: Denise Corey, Chief Librarian,

I SPY Scavenger Hunt

March 16th -21th

Drop in anytime over the March Break to participate in the I SPY Scavenger Hunt! Have your name entered into a draw for some great prizes!

St Patrick's Day Craft

March 16th -21th

Drop in anytime over the March Break to make a St. Patrick's Day Craft!

Easter Craft Week

April 6th - 9th

Hop on in anytime this week to create an Easter Craft!

Lego Drop In Week

April 20th - 26th

Drop in anytime this week to play with our great selection of LEGO.

Public Meeting

The Cumberland Regional Library Board invites you to a meeting on the state of the Cumberland Public Libraries.

Thursday, April 30, 7pm

Four Fathers Library

21 Acadia St., Amherst

The Pugwash Library will be closed on Good Friday (April 10) and Easter Monday (April 13). Items can be returned in the library book drop.

Check our Calendar of Events on the Cumberland Public Libraries' website to see the other fantastic programs lined up for the summer: www.cumberlandpubliclibraries.ca

You can also follow us on
 Twitter: @CumberlandPL,
 Instagram: @Cumberland_pl
 Facebook: CumberlandPublicLibraries

Pugwash Library

Winter hours

September - June

Monday: 11am - 4pm

Tuesday: 11am - 4pm

Wednesday: 2pm - 7pm

Thursday: 2pm - 7pm

Friday: noon - 5pm

Saturday: 10am - 1pm

Sunday: CLOSED

Phone: 902 243 3331

Feral Cat Trends showing long term Program Success

Over 400 cats have been spayed and neutered over the past 5 years and it's all due to generous and compassionate contributors.

Several communities report that fewer kittens are being born, which is the main aim of the spay and neuter program. Captured kittens have been tamed in foster homes, which allows for the kittens to be more easily homed, thus helping end the cycle of creating more ferals. We have had cats go to new homes in PEI, Halifax and Truro.

Adult homeless cats are now healthier after being vetted and continue to be fed and provided shelters outdoors by many caring citizens.

Donations of money, refundables, memorials, on-line auction items and group /business fundraising are greatly appreciated. Thank you everyone!!

Marilyn Williams, Marilyn & Friend's Feral Spay & Neuter Program

Pugwash Fire Department Trains in Every Season

We have been very active training at the firehall over the last couple months. Cold stormy weather can't stop this crew! We recently took advantage of the cold and headed out to the aboiteou for ice water rescue training. Most Wednesday nights in the winter are spent training inside, but train we must. Some of our training has/will include Communications, medical first responder (MFR), motor vehicle collisions (MVC), pumper operations, flue fires, vehicle extrication, grass fires and a truck quiz. There have been two first aid courses put on one for firefighters and one for the public. Three of our firefighters are heading to Amherst for a seminar on firefighters and cancer. We have had a presentation in thermal imaging cameras and over the next couple months we are hoping to have guest speakers in discussing PTSD as well farm equipment safety.

We are now selling tickets for our Roast Beef takeout supper April 30, \$12.50 each, Pick up between 4-6pm. Our annual boot drive for muscular dystrophy will been the long weekend in May. Watch for firefighters collecting donations at our local businesses. June 13th brings our first pancake breakfast of the year sponsored by Pugwash home hardware. Donations are appreciated. July 1st will be our second breakfast.

Our fundraising committee has been busy. The family feud night was a great success and tons of fun was had by all. Watch for another game early summer. Tickets are being sold on a 24" 18 speed "Cadbury" bike. Tickets are \$3 each, 2 for \$5 or 5 for \$10. Draw date April 8th at 6pm. The fundraising committee is looking for volunteers.

Kathleen Betts



Mixed Palette Art Group

This fun group is a great way to spend Thursday mornings at the Pugwash Village Hall. No fee. Bring your own materials.

There is much to learn and we have lots of laughs.



PREPARING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY
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Royal Canadian Legion Peace Branch 60

St. Patrick's Day celebration. FREE
March 14th. 5:30-7pm
Irish stew, sandwiches, sweets.
Donations welcome.

1st and 3rd Saturday of the month.
Cribbage. 1pm. \$20 per two person team.
Season ends May 2nd.

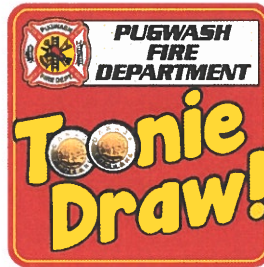
Chase the Ace Every Saturday.
3-5pm. Draw at 5:15pm. Ticket holder must be present for the draw to win.

Bingo: Every Wednesday at 7pm. \$10/person.

Saturday Brunch: Last Saturday of the month.
10am to 1pm. Adults \$7 and Children \$3.50.
Next brunch is March 28th

Canteen: 902.243.2123
Bar hours: 2-6pm
Hall rentals available
New members always welcome.

Pugwash and District Volunteer Fire Department



The Pugwash Fire Department's 50/50 Toonie Draw continues to grow in the community and surrounding areas. We have 10 drop boxes situated at Sunrise Country Market Port Howe, Wilson's Gas Bar, Pugwash Home Hardware, Scotia Bank, O'Brien's Pharmacy, Pugwash Kwik Way, F&D Esso, Sheryl's Bakery & Café, The Lantern Restaurant, and the Sunset Community (for employees only).

Our website pugwashfire.tooniedraw.ca is getting plenty of hits, players are checking the status of their number(s) and when they are about to run out. The website shows our weekly winners and current list of rules. The home page on the web site shows when it was last updated, which is normally done after the Wednesday night draw. So, if you have paid during the week, it won't show up until after the draw.

If you have any questions, you can contact us at pugwashfiretoon-ie2016@gmail.com and we will get back to you in 24-36 hours or call 902 243 2600 and leave us a message.

We encourage our registered players to pay in advance by placing bills or cheques in the drop boxes. Remember to tell us your number by applying a yellow sticker. You can also pre-pay by e-transfer.

The draw takes place every Wednesday evening between 6-7pm. Members of the public are welcome to come along to the Pugwash Fire Station to witness the draw.

The weekly drawn number is published on our Facebook page at Pugwash Fire Department Toonie Draw and on our website.

The Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank everyone for their support with this fundraising initiative and wish you good luck in the weekly draws.

Andy Yarrow, Fire Chief

Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue (PGSAR)



The PGSAR hall is in the process of getting set up as a comfort station. In the event of any future emergency situations, such as a power outage, affecting the community, we will have a power generator to provide warmth and to charge

phones and other devices. We will also be hooked up the new water system to provide bathroom facilities.

We are considering a "Wilderness First Aid" course some time in the spring and would like to make it available to

the community at large to fill our class. The course will require a weekend of your time and costs approximately \$110. Contact pgsar@hotmail.com if you would like to take part.

We continue to attract new members, and training is ongoing. If you like the outdoors and want to volunteer some of your time come and check us out. We meet every second Tuesday of the month at our hall at 61 King Street.

Louise Van Thielen

Built Heritage Project Update

I am truly amazed by the amount of material to go through to learn about the buildings in our area. Business directories, notes from talking to people, Facebook groups, genealogy databases, maps, land deeds, newspapers, and realty listings to name a few and then there is the complexity of the properties themselves. Our current house numbers - civic addresses - were introduced in Nova Scotia during the 1980s and 90s but not enforced until the 2000s. Roads, like Brighton Avenue and Almond Street, have disappeared or changed over time. Buildings have been moved, torn down, or burned. Between 1877 and 1929 alone, there were 7 (!) major fires that hit Pugwash. It can be a daunting task but is well worth every hour.

We have started files on over 700 properties in 46 communities and will be continuing to collect information this year and beyond. We are very happy to welcome Elaine Graham Cook to this project! She has been out talking to people in the community and collecting histories and photos. You can also send us information using our online form at ncumbhistorical.wixsite.com. A big, big thank you to everyone who has shared their knowledge and photos with us so far!

If you're would like to learn more about the history of the Northumberland Shore, be sure to stop in and pick up one of our top-selling publications.
 Cemeteries of North Cumberland (Index of headstones) - \$40
 History of Pugwash - \$25
 Pioneers of Malagash - \$12
 Valley of the Remsheg (Wallace Bay). 3rd and most recent edition - \$48

Alison Forshner



Need Help Filing your Tax Return?

Tuesday April 14th
 Thursday April 16th
Pugwash Village Hall

Joanne Hauser is a registered a registered volunteer with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) with Revenue Canada.

Income tax filing is FREE if your income limit is \$35,000 for single person or \$45,000 for a couple. For people who do not qualify for the volunteer program, the fee is \$35.

Contact Joanne directly to book an appointment. Call 902.890 0545 or e-mail joanne.hauser43@gmail.com.

Pugwash Point Lighthouse

In 1871, John B. Reed was granted a contract of \$1,195 to construct a lighthouse on Fishing Point – now known as Pugwash Point. It was built following a 'schoolhouse' design that also provided living space for the lighthouse keeper and his family. According to the Belcher's Almanac of 1888, the building stood at a height of 48 feet.

It became a notable local landmark that graced the front of postcards, was drawn by local artists, and photographed by Clara Dennis and W. R. MacAskill. A stone seawall was added to the land around the point in 1878 to help protect it from flooding and erosion. In 1880, the galley deck of the tower was rebuilt to allow for a more powerful light.

The lighthouse was replaced in 1960 by a new tower with skeletal lower sections. This is the lighthouse that continues to stand at Pugwash Point today. The original building was sold and moved to the nearby farm owned by the Mundles. It was severely damaged in 2017 by the elements and in poor condition by 2018 when it served its last function by providing hands-on



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training for the local fire department in fire control practice.

Do you have more to add to add to this history? If so, please let us know at ncumbhistorical@gmail.com.

Alison Forshner

Pugwash Yacht Club News

Pugwash Yacht Club is in the early stages of planning for the 2020 boating season. A priority is organizing volunteer work parties to clean repair and place docks.

We continue to work to secure funding partners to support upgrades and enhancements for visiting boaters. We have requested for a youth sailing workshop with Sail NS will be successful. If so, watch for details in the June newsletter!

Here's to a safe and successful boating season Pugwash

Deborah Cameron, PWYC Commodore

Camp Pagweak – Waiting for SPRING...

In just a few short months Camp Pagweak will be opening the doors. Our first work day is scheduled for May 9th so you will no doubt see a lot of activity as we prepare to open the camp for the upcoming summer camping season.

Eight weeks of weekly camps for ages 5 - 16 will start on July 5th and run until August 28th. Many campers return year after year and some eventually become staff members as they love camp so much. This year we welcome back David Throop as Director and Melanie Falconer as Assistant Director.

Most of our staff positions are filled, but we are always in need of volunteers. Some choose to volunteer for a week or two - and others come for the camping season.

Camp Pagweak is a great place to hold a school outing, a family reunion, a wedding, you name it. We have lots to offer - a zip line, rock wall, kayaks, bikes and a great beach with the most beautiful sunsets in the whole world. We have something for everyone at very reasonable rental rates.

So please keep checking the updated camp web site, pagweak.org. If you've never been to Camp Pagweak – please come on over. We would love to welcome you!

Ruth Rushton

Joint Project Goal is High Speed Internet Within Four Years



The Municipalities of Cumberland and Colchester are teaming up with Xplornet Communications and Develop Nova Scotia on a high-speed internet project that will see \$60 million invested in the region.

Xplornet will deploy nearly 700 kilometres of optic fibre to offer up to 100 Mbps fibre-to-home and fixed wireless services on their network, which will reach more than 21,700 currently underserved households and businesses. A further 2,300 addresses will have access to improved satellite service that will reach up to 50 Mbps by the completion of the full network. The three-year project is aiming for 100%

high-speed availability in Cumberland and Colchester.

Cumberland and Colchester will invest a combined \$6 million dollars over the next four years in exchange for twenty-years of dedicated fibre ('dark fibre') which will be used for innovative community services and economic development. The Municipalities will not have an ownership stake in the new network or be responsible for its operation or upkeep.

The Nova Scotia Internet Funding Trust has approved an investment of \$19.9 million based on eligible project costs that total \$48.5 million. As part

of their *Internet to Nova Scotia Initiative*, Develop Nova Scotia will monitor construction and system performance for compliance with service levels promised by Xplornet.

Xplornet's \$34.3 million expenditure in Cumberland-Colchester is their latest in a series of fibre network investments across rural Canada that will reach \$500 million. The Municipalities selected Xplornet in a competitive procurement process.

Details of the Cumberland-Colchester Internet Project can be found at: www.cumberlandcounty.ns.ca and www.colchester.ca.

It Takes a Village Newsletter

is published quarterly in March, June, September and December. The deadline for our next issue is **May 25th**.

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Please send in a Word document.

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PDHS Teams win Banners

Provincials

Snowboard Cross: Senior girls - silver

Regionals

Basketball: Senior Boys - silver, Div 3

Ski Racing: Intermediate Boys

Snowboard Cross: Senior Girls

Snowboard Cross: Senior Boys

Busy Curling season for NCCC



Northumberland Community Curling Club membership reached 128 with 3 Learn to Curl participants joining the club in January. Morning Men's has been very popular with 24 – 30 players showing up to join in the make-up teams on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The Tuesday Night Open Curling continues strong with 14 teams playing in the two draws. This year for the first time these teams played off for the Club Championship trophy. The winners were Jim Wilson's team with Hugh Allen, Paul Mundle and Andrew Van de Wiel. There are 13 Wednesday Mixed teams.

Bonspiels have been an important part of the winter play. The Alice M. Power Memorial Invitational Bonspiel in late January had teams coming from rinks from Halifax to Sackville NB to enjoy a fun filled weekend of Pugwash hospitality. The winning team was Morris Carter's from Sackville NB. On Friday evening our in-house musicians, Mark Scott, Wayne Reid, Rob Nowlan, and Rochenda Tilt with Mechele Scott, and various others, on bongo drums kept curlers and spectators well entertained. On Saturday evening a banquet was prepared by Winnie Coulter of Wallace and served with the help of our Junior curlers.

The February Funspiel is a high point of the season for our curlers. Each year it is put on by a different area of our curling

community. This year that fell to the area east of the Tides Mill Bridge (Wallace, Malagash and all points east.) They chose "The Roaring Twenties" as their theme for 2020. Flappers and gangsters abounded. The hotly contested prizes for best costumes were awarded to Barb Maloney and Ron Weeks.

In March, JoAnne Craib's team with mate Karen Jost, second Ashlee Craib-Myers and lead Jacqui Cole represented our club in the NS Women's Provincial Club Championships in Amherst. They were well supported by enthusiastic fans from NCCC who attended the first game. They won their second game and played well throughout. Congratulations girls!

The northern NS Junior Regionals competition was hosted at NCCC. NCCC buzzed with Junior curlers during the two day event. The basketball moms of PDHS provided canteen services for the visitors. Coach Lou White entered our girls' team and was pleased that they placed fourth in the field of sixteen teams.

The curling season will come to an end with the Codiac Cup. On Sunday, March 29th curling friends will congregate for our closing barbeque and to celebrate a season well played.

Hazel Felderhof

Pugwash Village Commissioners: Who are they?

Pugwash Village has five elected Commissioners who volunteer their time to help decide what is going on in YOUR Village. To be a Commissioner, you have to live within Village limits and willing to give up a little bit of time to work for the sake of all Village residents. Terms overlap, thus elections are held every year for one or two positions.

Tracey Mundle (902 669 3666) is the Commission Chair. Tracey works in health care and volunteers with a number of organizations, particularly in school age sports.

Roger Mundle (902 243 2042) is the Commission Vice Chair. Roger lives on Water Street and is retired after delivering furnace oil to the area for 28 years.

Bill Martin (902 614 3000 or bill@billmartin.ca) lives on Church Street. Bill is a retired Baptist pastor and is the Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department Chaplain.

Charles Gould (902 243 3493) lives on Durham Street. Charley is retired from NS Department of Natural Resources.

Kathy Redmond - (902 243 2606) is past chair of the Village Commission. Kathy lives on Prince Albert Street and was also a County Councilor for 12 years.

Pugwash Village Commission Meetings

Regular meetings are generally held on the second Monday of the month at 7pm. Come to the next meeting and find out what is going on in YOUR Village!

Meetings often include special presentations from local organizations and groups, the RCMP or Provincial representatives

If you would like to make a presentation, call the Clerk at 902 243 2946 or email villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com



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Next Regular Commission Meetings

April 20th
May 11th
June 8th

Annual General Meeting Thursday, May 28th

Meetings start at 7pm
Village Hall Board Room

Did you know *It Takes a Village* newsletter goes out to over 800 local homes and is available at various downtown Pugwash locations? Look for the version number for the most recent printing.

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Village Commission Election Day 2020

Saturday, June 6th 9am to 7pm
Two vacancies

Nomination papers will be available May 13th. Complete nomination papers must be delivered to the Village Clerk Treasurer by 4:30pm, Wednesday, May 27th. Nomination papers must include signatures from five Village nominating electors.

To be eligible for the Commission, a candidate must be 18 years old or older on the day of the election and Canadian citizen. Candidates for the Village Commission must also normally reside within the Village of Pugwash and have lived in the Village for at least six months.

The same qualifications apply to electors. There is no advance poll or proxy vote permitted.

Village of Pugwash Merchandise



Front licence plate \$10



Gathering of the Clans hat \$15



Pens \$5



Lapel pin \$2



Gathering of the Clans shirt \$20

Prices may vary as new stock is delivered

Did you know ...

The Village Clerk, Commissioner Redmond and the RCMP detachment assistants are a *Commissioner of Oaths*?

A Commissioner of Oaths is not the same as a Notary, which is usually a practising lawyer.



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