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Christmas Comes to the Old Schoolhouse

There is an old-time community spirit about the Clarence East Schoolhouse, where generations once gathered to learn and grow. The 135-year-old building still brings people together, and each November the Christmas spirit returns with the annual Clarence Christmas Market.

Visitors on Saturday, November 15, will find tables filled with woodworking, jewellery, textiles, Christmas decorations, preserves, baked goods, and other handmade creations. It's an opportunity to find distinctive local gifts, meet the people behind the products and support the farmers, artisans and small businesses that make rural communities what they are.

But the market is about more than Christmas shopping. For Avery Jackson and the Community of Clarence, it is part of a larger effort to keep the community connected and give historic places a useful role in modern life.

The Clarence Country Market was established in 2021, initially with a practical goal: improving access to locally grown and produced food in a rural community, while providing local farmers, bakers, artisans, and small businesses with a place to sell their goods directly to the public.

"We wanted to help address food insecurity in our rural community by improving access to locally grown, produced food, homemade, homegrown and home baked items," Jackson said.

There was a social purpose, too. "We also wanted to provide an opportunity for local farmers, bakers, artisans, and small businesses to sell their products directly to the public, while creating a regular gathering place for residents and visitors alike," he said

That gathering place is the old schoolhouse. The Community of Clarence has made finding new uses for historic buildings an important part of its work. Keeping them active and relevant, rather than simply preserving them as reminders of the past, helps ensure they remain part of everyday community life.

"There is an incredible amount of talent in rural communities like ours," Jackson said. "These markets offer an accessible way for individuals to share their work, connect with customers, and earn some additional income."

For some vendors, the market is a step toward developing a small business. For others, it is simply a way to recover some of the costs of a hobby and keep doing something they love.

For Jackson, however, the value of the market goes well beyond sales. He wanted to create somewhere people could drop in, enjoy a coffee or tea, and have a conversation. In a small rural community, those opportunities to meet and maintain connections are important.

That social connection, along with the opportunity to support local producers and keep the old schoolhouse in use, is what makes the market worthwhile.

This year marks the sixth season of the Clarence Country Market and Christmas Market. The event is one of five Christmas markets taking place around Annapolis County on November 15, offering visitors plenty of opportunities to discover local talent and get a start on their Christmas shopping.

In Clarence, they'll find more than a collection of vendor tables. They'll find a community gathering in a building that has served it for 135 years, and a Christmas tradition that has found a new generation of people to carry it forward.

"Establishing a market seemed like a natural way to accomplish several of these goals at once," Jackson said.

The Christmas Market, also established in 2021, has a personal connection for him. Growing up in Clarence, Jackson remembers the annual Christmas markets organized by the Clarence Women's Aid Society at the old Clarence United Baptist Church, now known as the North Mountain Meeting House.

Those gatherings eventually disappeared as the original organizers grew older and fewer people came forward to continue the work. Jackson saw an opportunity to revive the tradition in a different historic building.

The original Christmas fairs relied on donated baking and crafts, with proceeds going toward the building that housed the event. Today's arrangement is different: vendors pay a table fee and keep their earnings, giving local people an opportunity to share their skills and perhaps make a little money from something they enjoy. (submitted)



New Mountain Lea Lodge Now Occupied

Residents have moved in and are settling into their new single rooms at Mountain Lea Lodge in Bridgetown. The new long-term care home on Church Street has 96 resident rooms and replaces the former Mountain Lea Lodge. It is the ninth new and replacement home to open, as part of the government's plan to build and improve 5,700 long-term care rooms in communities across Nova Scotia by 2032.

Residents, families and staff members celebrated the new home's grand opening November 5th. It features common rooms for residents to enjoy activities, spaces for families to have private time, a hair salon, a café, rooms for specialized care and more.

Every resident has a single room with a private washroom. Residents live in six smaller "households" within the home, made up of 16 residents each.

The opening of the new Mountain Lea Lodge brings the number of new and replacement rooms now open to more than 1,400. Construction is underway on an additional 2,000 rooms. These are expected to open over the next few years.





Community Calendar

Fri. Nov. 13, 10- 11:30am **Community Coffee** every Friday at the Lower Granville Hall, 3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal. Come out and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and bring a snack to share if you are able. Meet a neighbour, make a new friend. Everyone is welcome. $2/person suggested donation for the Hall.

Fri. Nov. 13, 10:00am **Weekly Tai Chi** classes at the Centrelea Community Hall, 3495 Highway 201. Bring indoor slippers or shoes. Drop ins welcome. Good for balance, posture and relieving stress. Instructor Jamie Edwards of Empty Hand Martial Arts. $75 for 10-week pass that does not expire. More info @ 902-448-2483 *

Fri. Nov. 13, 10am-3:00pm Barter Based Session: Large Batch Cooking an Annapolis Valley Folk School event at Middleton Baptist Church, 26 School Street, Middleton. Come learn to make three different meals while filling the pantry!

Have you ever wondered how to make large-batch cooking for the freezer simple, efficient, and stress-free? Join us for a hands-on session where we will gather to learn the art of preparing big-batch soups, chilies, and stews. Together, we'll mix, simmer, and sample our creations over a shared lunch, giving you new skills and fantastic ideas for stocking your own freezer. Afterward, we will package up the remaining meals, with all extra food donated directly to the Annapolis Valley Folk School pantry in Lawrencetown to support our local community.

Come share in the fun, enjoy a delicious meal with friends, and leave with the confidence to master freezer-friendly cooking at home!

Get you tickets here: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/barter-based-session-large-batch-cooking-tickets-2003857768528 If this is your first time attending a barter-based class, note that attendees are encouraged to bring an item(s) to offer in exchange for the knowledge shared

Suggested barter items : Pantry items, canned meats, veggies, meals, rice, pasta, crackers, soups, breakfast foods, milk, cheese, yogurts. And dish soap, shampoos, toothpaste, toilet paper. Also as usual, if you are not feeling well please stay home and keep everyone well. If you have any difficulty registering you can send us an email at avfolkschool@gmail.com or message us on Facebook, Annapolis Valley Folk School.

Fri. Nov. 13, 12-1:00pm **Tai Chi Classes**, each Friday at the Bridgetown Salvation Army Church. $60 for 10 classes. 902-824-0099.

Fri. Nov. 13-Sun. Nov. 15 **Art and the Unseen: a weekend of history, art and the paranormal** ARTSPLACE, Paranormal Phenomena Research & Investigation (PPRI) and The Annapolis Heritage Society have come together to present a fascinating weekend touching on themes of the paranormal, art history and local history. Attendance is limited. Go to https://www.arcac.ca/ for details. ARTSPLACE Galley, 396 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal.

Fri. Nov. 13, 7:00pm **Jam Session** every Friday Evening at the Youngs Cove Community Hall, 5407 Shore Rd. *



Victorian Christmas

Friday November 27th 5:00-8:00pm
Saturday November 28th 6:00-8:00pm
Sunday November 29th 2:00-4:00pm
O'Dell House Museum | 136 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal
Admission by Donation | $5/person Suggested



Fri. Nov. 13, 7-9:00pm or later! Weekly Music The Annapolis Royal Legion, Branch #21 will host Proletariat. Join us for some great music weekly with no cover charge! Don't forget that we have Happy Hour each Friday from 5:30-7:00pm and cocktail specials each Friday and Saturday! Chase the Ace is Continues! The Chase the Ace Draw on behalf of the Annapolis Royal Community Centre will be held each week at 8pm. Please check the Annapolis Royal Legion Facebook site for updated info. All members and guests are welcome!

Sat. Nov. 14, 9am-12 noon The Saint Louis CWL, Annapolis Royal, are planning a **Yard/Bake Sale** in the church hall. Come find a treasure and buy some tasty snacks too!

Sat. Nov. 14, 9am-12:00pm Annapolis Royal Winter Farmers and Traders Indoor Market at the Legion, 66 Victoria St., on the left inside the foyer.

Sat. Nov. 14, 10am-2:00pm **14 Wing Crafters' and Vendors' Sale**, hosted by Combined Charities, the base's workplace giving program. 50/50, raffle basket draw for vendor goodies (10 tickets $5). Over 90 tables! Admission $2 (includes door prize ticket, extra tickets $2). At the 14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre, 110 Church St., Greenwood.

Sat. Nov. 14, 10am-3:00pm Mountain Lea Lodge Crafty Staff Craft Sale, in the Recreation Room. Proceeds for the Rec Dept.

Sat. Nov. 14, 10am-3:00pm Christmas Craft Sale at Port Lorne Firehall, 532 Port Lorne Road. Shop from local venders offering a wide variety of handmade crafts, knitting, home baked goods, wreaths, gifts and more. Shop for that special someone on your list. Tea, coffee, sandwiches available for purchase. Admission $2.00 with proceeds for Port Lorne Canada Day Committee.



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Sat. Nov. 14, 11am-2:00pm **Middleton & Area Fireflies Ticket Auction** at Middleton Fire Hall, 49 Church St. Canteen available - hotdogs, chips, pop & water. Proceeds support Middleton Fire Department.

Sat. Nov. 14, 12:30pm **T & D Kitchen Jam Saturdays**, 1407 Inglisville Road, Lawrencetown at the Community Hall. All are welcome! Doors open 12:30, music from 1:30-4:30. $2 for entry. Snacks, tea /coffee are included in the price. *

Sat. Nov. 14, 1-3:00pm The Lawrencetown United Baptist Church invites you to our **annual Christmas Tea & Sale.** Tea $12. We will also have craft, bake and raffle tables. Everyone is welcome!

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Sat. Nov. 14, 4:30-6:00pm All Saints Church is holding a **Turkey Supper** Menu: turkey, all the fixings and apple cake for dessert! $18.00/person. All Saints Church Hall, 521 Pleasant St., Kingston. Call Lorrie @ 902-760-0729 to book your spot.

Sun. Nov. 15, 8:50-10:30am Annapolis Shambhala Meditation Centre **Sunday Morning Sitting Practice**, weekly at the Granville Ferry Community Hall. https://annapolis.shambhala.org

Sun. Nov. 15, 9am-4:00pm **Sell What You Want Not Your Traditional Christmas Market** Not your traditional Christmas Market, its sell what you want, and we have something for everyone. From new and used items to clothing, shoes and decor to crafts, toys and so much more ! Brickton Community Hall, 12062 Hwy #1.

Sun. Nov. 15, 9:30am **Holy Eucharist** at the Anglican Church of St. Mary's (6772 Hwy 1 in Belleisle). All are welcome to join us. We are an inclusive church. Celebrant: The Rev. Mel Malton.

Sun. Nov 15, 10am-3:00pm **Christmas Craft Market** at the Inglisville Community Hall. Decorations, gifts, pickles, preserves, baked goods. All local crafters. Something for everyone!

Sun. Nov. 15, 10am-3:00pm **Christmas at the Vineyard** Beaver Creek Vineyard, 496 Carleton Rd, (exit 19) Lawrencetown. FREE admission/donations in support of Twelve Baskets Food Bank. Our 5th annual sensational seasonal shopping experience with craft and artisan vendors, local food & drink, and festive photo ops. Join our holiday fun at the Vineyard!

Sun. Nov. 15, 10:00am **Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in the Anglican Church of Canada**. Our Sunday service will be planned and led by the women clergy of the Parish. St Luke's Anglican Church, 340 St George Street, Annapolis Royal. Reception to follow in the Hall. All are welcome.

Sun. Nov. 15, 10am-3:00pm Get into the holiday spirit at the annual **Clarence Country Christmas Market** at 3337 Clarence Road, Clarence. Shop from a wonderful selection of local vendors offering homemade, homegrown and home-baked goods, along with crafts, gifts, preserves, baked treats and more. Come support local makers and producers while finding something special for Christmas. Admission is by donation and everyone is welcome! For more information email - clarencecountrymarket@gmail.com

Sun. Nov. 15. 10:30am **Port Lorne Baptist,** 500 Port Lorne Road, Port Lorne. Join friends and neighbours in worship as we enjoy music featuring pianist John Montgomerie. For further information, call 902 221-6922.

Sun. Nov. 15, 10:30am **Worship Service.** Celebrate God's presence with us at St. George & St. Andrew United Church, 393 St. George St. Annapolis Royal 902-532-7954. Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds. *

Sun. Nov. 15, 11:00am **Holy Eucharist** at St. James Anglican Church (289 Granville Rd, Bridgetown) followed by fellowship and food. All are welcome. We are an inclusive church. Wheelchair accessible via the parking lot door. Celebrant: The Rev. Mel Malton.

Sun. Nov. 15, 1:00pm **Pot Luck Luncheon** at the Granville Centre Community Hall. A free will offering will be taken up - all proceeds for the Hall. There will also be quilt raffle tickets available, and a harvest basket as the second prize. The draw for these items will take place in December. So come on out and join us for a yummy lunch with friends and neighbours!

Sun. Nov. 15, 2:00pm **Centrelea Baptist Church,** 3495 Hwy 201, Regular Service followed by Fellowship and Cookies. Follow us on our Facebook Page for more weekly details.

Sun. Nov. 15, 6:30-10:00pm or later The Annapolis Royal Legion will host a **Grey Cup Party.** Watch the game on our 65" UHD TV with surround sound! We will have a BBQ with BYOM (bring your own meat and munchies). Bring what you want, share with your friends. The Legion will supply Frank's famous potato salad and Chili. No charge admission. Grey Cup Football squares are available for purchase up to kick off time! $2 each or 3 for $5! Rules available at the Legion bar, as well as ticket sales.

Sun. Nov. 15, 7-9:00pm **Fun Darts**, every Sunday evening at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. $3 entry returned in prizes.

Mon. Nov. 16, 10-11:00am **Indoor Fitness Walking** at the Lower Granville Hall, 3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal. Drop in every Monday and/or Thursday for an indoor fitness walk. These basic low-impact cardio walking videos exercise the whole body including things like side steps, high knees, arm movements, and walking in place. (We usually walk 30-45 minutes). $2 Donation Suggested.

Mon. Nov. 16, 10am-12:00pm **Memoir Writing Group** meets weekly in the Music Room at the Annapolis Academy Hub to share passages from their memoir writing in progress for friendly discussion. No workshops. Everyone welcome. Donation of $5 per participant is suggested (towards weekly room rental). For more information phone or text Tom at 902-526-3609.

Mon, Nov. 16 **Yoga with Esme, 11:30am Mat and 1:00pm Chair Yoga**, at the Bridgetown Legion (20 Jeffery St, Bridgetown). Mat yoga for building strength and flexibility and chair supported yoga suited for seniors and limited mobility. For more information contact Esme at (604) 537-5665 or esmeendres@gmail.com

Mon. Nov. 16, 1:30-3pm **Care Givers Support Group** (for people who care for loved ones with dementia) The group meets the 3rd Monday of the month, except July and August, from 1:30 – 3:00pm, at St George & St Andrew United Church, 393 St George St, Annapolis Royal, (at the lights), Office Door, side entry. Contacts: Art Jones – 902-532-0784; Lou Fletcher – 902-532-2377.

Mon. Nov. 16, 7:00pm **Granville Centre Community Hall Association** will host a general meeting at the Granville Centre Hall. All community members are welcome to attend and are asked to bring bottles/cans for recycling, if you have any.

Mon. Nov. 16, 7:30pm A Regional Outreach Officer from the Department of Emergency Management will host an **informative session on how you can be better prepared for emergencies.** This will take place at Granville Centre Community Hall. It is free and family-friendly!

Mon. Nov. 16, 7:00pm **Valley Lions Radio Bingo** (VLRB) is a Media Bingo broadcast on Annapolis Valley Radio, AVR 97.7FM and other AVR stations from Digby to Windsor, every Monday night from 7- 8pm. Bingo Cards are sold through valley retail locations. Info at www.vlrb.ca *

Mon. Nov. 16, 7:00pm **Jam Sessions** at Habitation New Horizons Hall at 1771 Granville Road Port Wade. Come sing, play or just listen. Lots of fun and fellowship, all welcome. For info contact Ann Marie 902-955-2244.

Mon. Nov. 16, 7-9:00pm **Craft Club** @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Now EVERY Monday night! Calling all Fibre enthusiasts. Join us at the Hall for a Stitch'n'Bi*ch. All skill levels welcome. Knit, crochet, embroider, felt, mend, sew, quilt, spin, weave, needlepoint, rug hooking... We will put the kettle on. Bring your project and $2 Hall donation.

Tues. Nov. 17, 10:00am **Senior Exercise Class** at Bridgetown Legion with certified instructor. Stretch, strength, cardio, etc. Work at your own comfort level. $5 per class. Bring hand weights and resistance band if you can. Come out for some fun while working out! Everyone welcome....just show up! 902-665-4308.

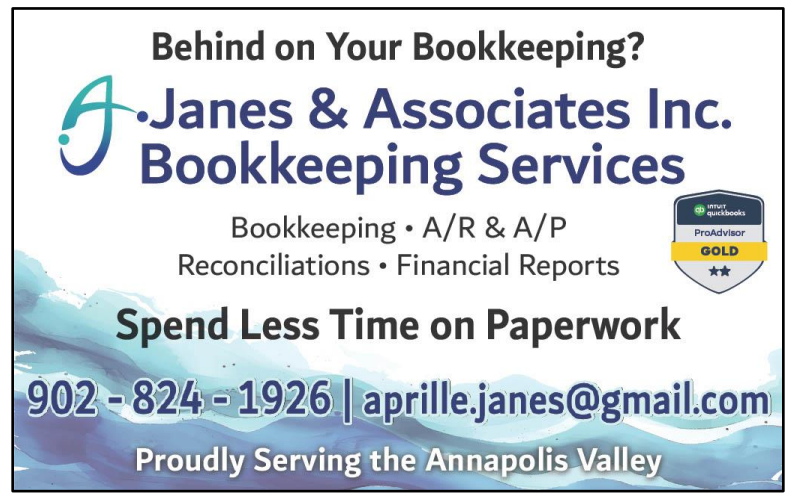
Tues. Nov. 17, 1-3:00pm **The Annapolis East Seniors Card Group,** meet at NSCC Middleton campus every Tuesday.

Tues. Nov. 17, 1:30-4pm **Jam Session** at Parker Hall, Victoria Vale, across from the church, every 2nd Tuesday. Doors open at 1:00. Come out for an afternoon of music, fun and refreshment and support the Hall. For info call Suzanne Brinton at 902-825-6413.Next Jam Dec. 1.*

Tues. Nov. 17, 7:15-10:15pm **Middleton Legion Bingo** Tuesdays at 205 Marshall Street, Middleton. *

Wed. Nov. 18, 10:00am **NS Walks Annapolis Royal** Wednesdays at 10am. Are you interested in getting some exercise, at your pace, with friendly people, and in picturesque surroundings? Join our Walk Group! We meet every Wednesday at 10:00am at the Annapolis Royal Farmers' Market parking lot. Walkers of all ages and abilities are welcome. For further information, call (902) 250-0429.

Wed. Nov. 18, 10:00am **NS WALKS BRIDGETOWN** a walking group for all levels and abilities If you are looking for motivation to get out for a bit of exercise and to socialize come join us. Walkers meet at the Library every Wednesday at 10:00 am. All are welcome Registration is not required. For more information check our Facebook Group NS WALKS BRIDGETOWN









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Wed. Nov. 18, 7:00pm **Round Hill Hall AGM** at the Round Hill Hall (1689 Hwy 201, Round Hill). All Welcome To Attend.

Wed. Nov. 18, 7:00pm **Brickton Community Hall Jam Sessions** Every Wednesday @ 7. Free will offering. All welcome. *

Wed. Nov. 18, 7-9:00pm **Fun Cribbage** every Wednesday evening at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. $6 entry returned in prizes. All welcome. *

Wed, Nov. 18, and Fri, Nov. 20, 7:30-9:30pm **Adult Pickleball at BRCS gym**. Newcomers always welcome. Please bring a change of footwear. $2/night. North entrance (NOT the main entrance). Join us!

Wed. Nov. 18, 8:00pm **Al-anon Meeting**, for relatives and friends of alcoholics, at the First United Baptist Church at 762 George Street, Annapolis Royal, every Wednesdays at 8pm. Please enter through the front door.

Thur. Nov. 19, 10-11:00am **Indoor Fitness Walking** at the Lower Granville Hall, 3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal. Drop in every Monday and/or Thursday for an indoor fitness walk. These basic low-impact cardio walking videos exercise the whole body including things like side steps, high knees, arm movements, and walking in place. (We usually walk 30-45 minutes). $2 Donation Suggested.

Thur. Nov. 19, 10am-12:00pm **Veterans Coffee Morning** at the Bridgetown Legion. Veterans, 1st Responders, serving and retired, firefighters and members. Every Thursday. Royal Canadian Legion, 20 Jeffrey St. *

Thur. Nov. 19, 10am-1:00pm **Quill Insertion Christmas Decoration** Join us at The Macdonald Museum for a special Quill Insertion Christmas Decoration Workshop with Karen Beals! Create a beautiful handmade decoration while learning this unique traditional craft. Choose 1 of 3 festive designs. Extra kits available. Seating is limited, so register in advance to reserve your spot! Cost $40/person. The Macdonald Museum, 21 School Street, Middleton. 902-825-6116.

Thur. Nov. 19, 6:30-8:00pm **Dragon Paint Night.** Join Jenna this November to paint your own dragon masterpiece. No experience necessary! Cost is $35 per person. Registration and payment required to reserve your seat. Email info@7Arts.ca to register. 7Arts Centre, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood.

Thur. Nov. 19, 7-9:00pm **Open Mic** with Lisa Huyer, Thursdays at the Bridgetown Legion. Kitchen open 5-7pm. *

Fri. Nov. 20, 10:00am St. James ACW are hosting their **Christmas Coffee Party.** Admission is $5. There will be a ticket auction and bake table. The coffee party starts at 10:00 and the ticket auction will take place from 11:00 to 11:30. Come and enjoy a cup coffee or tea and yummy sweet and savory treats. 289 Granville St., Bridgetown.

Sat, Nov. 21. 9am-1:00pm **Holiday Market** @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). The Hall will be full of vendors selling various crafts and items that would make perfect gifts for family, friends, or white elephant gift exchanges. One of our tables will feature youth entrepreneurs learning about what it is like to create and sell items on their own. Plenty of parking, and free entry. The perfect start to your holiday shopping season!



Sat. Nov. 21, 9:30am-12:00pm **The Great Cookie Bake Sale** at St. Lukes Church Hall in Annapolis Royal. Delicious home baked cookies. Pick up your package for snack time, school lunches, or for entertaining. Selections include Chocolate Chip, Peanut Butter, Sugar, Shortbread, Molasses, Christmas Cookies, plus other selections. Proceeds to help support outreach efforts. Call 902-532-8421 for preorders.

Sat. Nov. 21, 2-4:00pm **Ticket Auction & Tea** at the Round Hill Hall (1689 Hwy 201, Round Hill). $2.00 Admission, Refreshments Provided.

Sat. Nov. 21, 8:00pm **Harry Manx at Evergreen Theatre** Harry Manx has spent years fusing eastern musical traditions with the blues, switching effortlessly between conventional guitars, harmonica, and banjo and the decidedly different Mohan veena. Tickets: Adults $50, Members $40, Military $45, Students $25, available at www.evergreentheatre.ca or 902-825-6834. 1941 Stronach Mountain Rd., East Margaretsville.



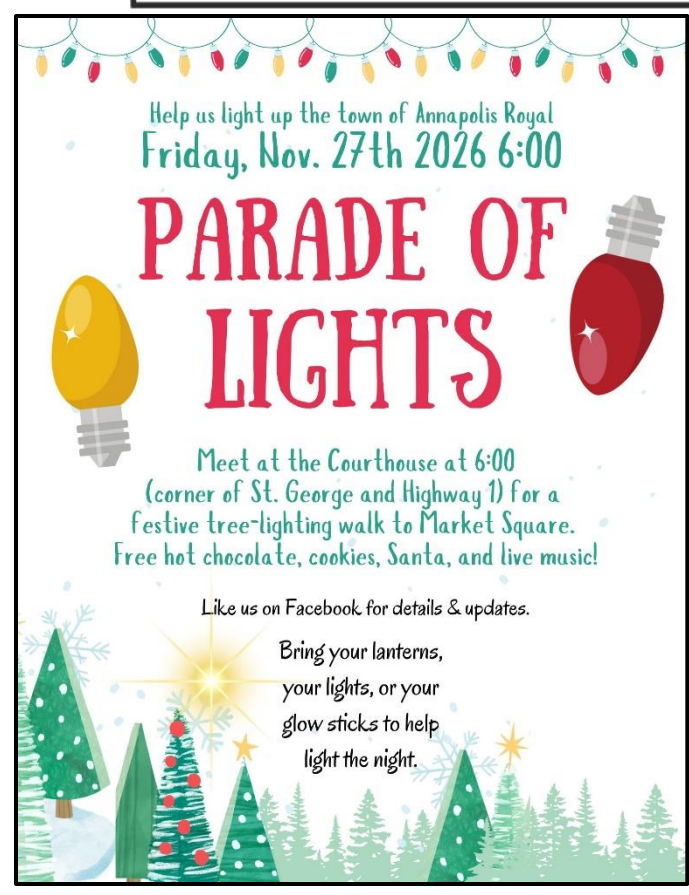
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Sun. Nov. 22, 9:30am **The Reign of Christ - Holy Eucharist** at the Anglican Church of St. Mary's (6772 Hwy 1 in Belleisle). All are welcome to join us. We are an inclusive church. Celebrant: The Rev. Mel Malton

Sun. Nov. 22, 10am-3:00pm **Christmas Craft Fair in Paradise** Two sites! Paradise Heritage Centre 10300 Highway 1 and Paradise Community Hall 10307 Highway 1. Across the road from each other. Artisans, Crafters, Artists of excellence, all kinds of gifts and Christmas Décor. Local authors, Bake Table 50/50, Raffle (Draw at 3 pm at the Heritage Centre). Music by Permanent Resonance. Be sure to visit both sites. A Fundraiser for the Paradise Heritage Centre.

Sun. Nov. 22, 11:00am **The Reign of Christ - Holy Eucharist** at St. James Anglican Church (289 Granville Rd, Bridgetown) followed by fellowship and food. All are welcome. We are an inclusive church. Wheelchair accessible via the parking lot door. Celebrant: The Rev. Mel Malton

Sun. Nov. 22, 7:30pm **Conduit Chamber Choir presents Weep No More** - a moving program exploring themes of grief, remembrance and peace - at Orchard Valley United Church, New Minas (130 Cornwallis Ave). Tickets $20, available online, from members and at the door. Visit Facebook.com/ConduitChoir or email info@conduitchoir.ca for more info or to purchase or reserve.

Mon. Nov. 23, 7:00pm There will be an **annual meeting for the Fundy View Cemetery**, Port Lorne at the Port Lorne Fire Hall. We are hoping residents from our community and beyond, who are interested in the upkeep and preservation of our cemetery to come and have input as to how we can continue.

As you may, or may not know, that most of the work is on a volunteer basis, although there are costs associated with this work. Our Cemetery is only funded by donations. These donations are tax deductible. Hope you can attend this meeting and have an open discussion on how we can continue to take care of our loved ones resting place.

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Tues. Nov. 24, 6:30-8:30pm **Miniature Workshop**. We invite you to explore the world of miniatures with us! Join Artists Amber & Sarah at the 7Arts studio and work towards creating your very own miniature room. For ages 18+. Cost is $50 per class. Registration is required by email at info@7Arts.ca. 7Arts Centre, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood.

Contact The Reader: Call or text 902-824-0412, email us at readerpublishing@outlook.com message us on Facebook or use the contact form at www.bridgetownreader.news.

Wed. Nov. 25, 1:00-3:00pm **Art With Nature**. Join us for this fun class in which Artist Joan will be exploring various art techniques and media in creating nature-inspired works of art. All supplies included. For ages 18+. $20 per person. Registration is required by email at info@7Arts.ca 7Arts Centre, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood.

Thur. Nov. 26, 2:00pm Join us for **an afternoon of games and fellowship**, at the Wilmot Christian Fellowship Centre, 208 Dodge Road. Bring your favourite game or play one of ours. Bring a friend and make new ones. Tea, coffee and snacks provided. For more info call 902-698-9467.

Thur. Nov. 26, 4-6:00pm **Take-Home Turkey Supper** at St. George and St. Andrew United Church, Annapolis Royal (at the lights). Menu includes, turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots, cranberry sauce, roll and a choice of apple, lemon, or pumpkin pie. Drive-thru pickup. Cost is $20 adults and $10 for children under 12. Pre-orders only. Call 902-532-7284 by November 20th to reserve yours.

Thur. Nov. 26, 4:30-6:00pm **Community Meal** Lawrencetown & District Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner at NSCC-COGS, 50 Elliott Rd. Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, tea, coffee or juice, and a cookie for $10 for adults and $8 for children 12 and under. 5 and under free. Gluten free options and take out available. Note, if Public Schools are closed due to weather the dinner will be cancelled.

Thur. Nov. 26, 6:30-8:00pm **Understanding Domestic Violence**, Upper Clements Community Hall. Free admission, donations welcomed. upperclementshall.ca

Thur. Nov. 26, 6:30-8:30pm **Ocean Landscape**. Join Artist Jenna to create your very own ocean landscape masterpiece! No experience necessary. Cost is $35 per person. Register by emailing info@7Arts.ca. 7Arts Centre, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood.

Fri. Nov. 27, 4-8:00pm and Sat. Nov. 28, 10am-3:30pm **Christmas Craft Fair** Get into the holiday spirit at The Macdonald Museum's Annual Christmas Craft Fair! Join us for two festive days filled with wonderful handmade crafts, delicious treats, prizes, and plenty of Christmas cheer. There will be a wonderful variety of crafts, Bake Sale, Door Prizes, 50/50 Draw, and Canteen Facilities. $2 at the door, 12 and under are Free.

Fri. Nov. 27, 4:30-6:00pm St. James ACW will be hosting an eat-in only **Fish Chowder Supper.** Enjoy a hot bowl of our haddock chowder complete with delicious fresh roll and apple crisp and whipped cream for dessert. This event will be eat in only. There will be no take out or delivery for this event. Come enjoy some comfort food and great company! Admission will be $14. 289 Granville St., Bridgetown.

Fri. Nov. 27, 5-8:00pm; Sat. Nov. 28, 6-8:00pm; and Sun. Nov. 29, 2-4:00pm Step back in time to the late 19th century and join us for our annual **Victorian Christmas celebration at the O'Dell House Museum!** Enjoy a glass of warm mulled cider and a homemade cookie while taking in the beautiful decorations and being greeted by our costumed interpreters. Mulled Cider & Hot Chocolate (Kindly Sponsored by Fundy Trail Campground & Cottages), Traditional Victorian Holiday Décor, Costumed Interpreters, Photos With Father Christmas, Gingerbread Competition Display & Voting, Festive Music & Caroling, and Homemade Christmas Cookies. O'Dell House, 136 St. George Street Admission by donation ($5 suggested)

Fri. Nov. 27, 6:00pm **Annapolis Royal Parade of Lights** Meet at the Courthouse at 6pm (corner of St. George and Hwy 1) for a festive tree-lighting walk to Market Square. Free hot chocolate, cookies, Santa, and live music. Bring your lanterns, lights or glow sticks to help light the night. Follow us on Facebooks for updates.

Fri. Nov. 27, 6:00pm **Middleton's annual Holiday Tree Lighting** Join us at Centennial Park for an evening of holiday cheer as we come together to light up the Town's Christmas tree! There will be entertainment. hot chocolate & hot apple cider, hot soup, cupcake decorating, a cozy bonfire plus Santa and Mrs. Claus. Centennial Park, 35 Church St.

Sat. Nov. 28, 8:30-10:30am The Lawrencetown Consolidated Home & School Committee will be holding its 37th annual **Breakfast with Santa**. Admission is FREE! Breakfast will be served from 8:30-10:30am (pancakes, bacon, coffee & juice). Gluten-free pancakes available. Adults $5. Children $3. We will have a ticket auction, yard sale, craft sale, 50/50 draw and more! Fun for the whole family!

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Starting Monday November 23rd-Thursday December 17th.
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TUESDAY:

THE TONING ZONE! 11:30am-12:15pm

MOBILITY 12:30pm-1:15pm (stretching holding each stretch 30-45seconds)

WEDNESDAY:

PARTY MIX 10:00am-10:45am (Aerobic dance, no experience necessary. We put on fun music from the 50's 60's 70's up to today's music. Get ready to Sweat, Laugh and have Fun)

MAT PILATES W/ PROPS 11:00am-12:00pm

THURSDAY:

THE TONING ZONE 10:00am-10:45am

MAT PILATES W/ PROPS 11:00am-12:00pm

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Sat. Nov. 28, 9am-2:00pm Moschelle Community Hall's **Annual Christmas Bake Sale and Craft Sale**. $2 entry fee and drawing for a door prize at 2pm. Come do your Christmas shopping and pick up some great baked goods. If you are wanting to sell some crafts please call Treena at 902-526-2252.

Sat. Nov. 28, 9am-5:00pm **Holiday Season Kickoff** Join the Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens as they kick off the holiday season with hot cider, a Courtyard Bonfire and some special holiday fun!

Sat. Nov. 28, 10am-3:00pm **16th Annual Bear River Winter Craft Fair** during the Wintertide. Hosted by Bear River Events as a fundraiser for the Bear River Board of Trade, the event will feature a curated variety of local artisan crafters and makers At the Oakdene Community Centre, 1913 Clementsvale Road, Bear River. For info contact BearRiverEvents@gmail.com Check out our Facebook page for more vendor info and news!

Sat. Nov 28, 10am-3:00pm **Book Sale, "New & Used"** at the Upper Clements Community Hall, 2951 Hwy 1. 50/50 tickets. Canteen open: Lunch, Chili & a bun. To reserve a table call 902-340-8019.

Sat. Nov. 28, 11am-3:00pm **Christmas Craft Sale & Luncheon**. Young's Cove Community Hall. 5407Shore Road West. $6.00 with lunch, $2.00 without. Choice of Chilli or Turkey Soup.

Sat. Nov. 28, 11:30am-5:00pm **Public Health Mobile Unit** at the Middleton Fire Hall, 49 Church Street. The Public Health Mobile Unit is holding an Immunization Clinic for all ages. The vaccines being offered are the COVID and seasonal flu vaccines, and to those eligible, the Shingles, Pneumonia, and adult RSV vaccines. We also have Naloxone kits, STI Care Now test kits and COVID Rapid tests available to take home. Free routine and seasonal vaccines help prevent illness from spreading in our homes, schools and communities.

Drop by and we can check your eligibility and update your vaccines; no appointment is needed. Please visit Public Health Mobile Unit at Nova Scotia Health for a complete list of Immunization clinics.

Sat. Nov. 28, 12-4:00pm **7Arts Open House**. All are welcome to pop by for studio tours, live music, light refreshments, and much more! This is a free event for the whole community. 7Arts Centre, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood.







Sat. Nov. 28th, 1-4:00pm **Barter Based Session: Sewing a Fabric Basket** an Annapolis Valley Folk School event at 2659 Clarence Road, Clarence. Join us for a hands-on sewing workshop to craft your own cute, sturdy, and versatile fabric basket! Perfect for organizing your space or giving as a handmade gift. Materials & Supplies List
Please bring the following items to class:
Fabric: ½ yard sturdy exterior fabric (e.g., canvas, denim, or heavy cotton) and ½ yard interior lining fabric (quilting cotton works great)
Sewing Equipment: Sewing machine (don't forget your power cord and foot pedal), and matching thread & a pre-wound bobbin
Cutting & Marking Tools: Rotary cutter & cutting mat, fabric scissors, erasable fabric marker or tailor's chalk
Interfacing Fee: $2 (a toonie) cash at the door to cover interfacing (provided by the instructor).
This class operates on a barter system! In addition to bringing your required class materials, attendees are asked to bring a small offering in exchange for the instructor's time and expertise. Preferred Barter Items: Donations for the Annapolis Valley Folk School pantry or homemade goods (e.g., fresh baked treats, handcrafted soap, preserves, etc.)
Tickets available here: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/barter-based-session-sewing-a-lined-basket-tickets-2004196235893?

If you encounter any issues registering through Eventbrite, please get in touch by Email: avfolkschool@gmail.com, phone: call Maureen at 902-309-0224 or send us a direct message on Facebook/ Annapolis Valley Folk School



Sat. Nov. 28, 3-7:00pm **A Very Kingston Christmas** on the Aurora Inn Grounds, 831 Main Street, Kingston. The grounds of the Aurora Inn will be magically transformed into a festive Christmas Village Filled with twinkling lights, cozy fires, holiday music, local vendors, family activities and plenty of Christmas cheer!

Visitors can enjoy a visit with Santa, Santa photos, reindeer rides, cookie decorating, ornament making, Christmas carols and the opportunity to shop local for unique gifts. Fresh-cut Balsam Fir Christmas trees and beautiful fresh wreaths will also be available for purchase.

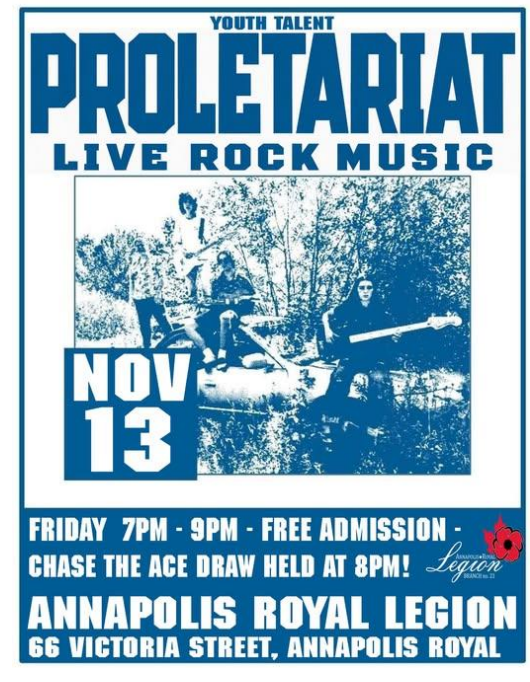
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Admission is FREE, with some activities and experiences available for an additional fee.

Sun. Nov. 29, 10am-3:00pm **Christmas Craft Sale,** Upper Clements Community Hall. Upperclementshall.ca

Sun. Nov. 29, 2:00pm **Centrelea Baptist Church** The first Sunday of Advent we will celebrate with a service of hope. Special guests "It's All Relative" to provide special music.

Wed. Dec. 2, 11:30am **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES Western NS Branch CHRISTMAS DINNER**, at the Deep Brook Waldec Lions Hall, 948 Hwy 1. Turkey Dinner and all the trimmings at a cost of $18.00. Bring a potential member along who hasn't joined the Association yet so they can learn what we can do for them! If you wish to attend, please email nafr75@gmail.com (emails preferred) or call (902) 765-8590 after 1 pm, no later than Nov 25/26. Please call if you must cancel.



Wed. Dec. 2, 4:30pm Join us for a cozy **Candlelit Christmas Storytime** with Father Christmas at North Hills Museum! Enjoy a warm glass of hot chocolate and a homemade cookie after listening to Father Christmas read a festive story in the museum's historic parlour. Storytime begins at 4:30pm. 5065 Granville Rd. Admission by donation.

Thur. Dec. 3, 2:15-4:15pm **Caregiver Support Group** meets at the Kingston Library, 671 Main St. Do you give unpaid care to a parent, spouse, child, friend, or relative due to frailty, advanced age, chronic illness, mental illness, or disability? You are not alone! The NS Caregivers Support Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. It is facilitated by trained staff members who offer a confidential, friendly atmosphere for you to discuss your experiences and receive helpful information in a supportive environment. For more information and to register, call Jennine Wilson, 1-877-488-7390 (toll-free).

Fri. Dec. 4, 5:30-9:00pm **Bridgetown Light Up The Town** Parade starts at 6:00pm with the Tree Lighting Ceremony 10 minutes after the conclusion of the parade. There will be Santa Visits and fun local shopping events throughout town along with fireworks lighting.

Sat. Dec. 5, 8-10:00am **Bridgetown Lions Big Breakfast** at the Legion, 20 Jeffrey St. Free will offering.

Sat. Dec. 5, 8-11:00am **Annual Christmas Breakfast** with a visit from Santa from 9:30-11 at the Inglisville Community Hall. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, beans, ham, sausage, toast, tea, coffee. Adults $10., children under 12 free.

Sat. Dec. 5, 8:00am **Breakfast With Santa** at the Round Hill Hall (1689 Hwy 201, Round Hill). Free Will Offering.

Sat. Dec. 5, 9am-5:00pm **Community Holiday Party** As part of the Christmas Craft Show Extravaganza in Annapolis Royal, the Historic Gardens offers a Courtyard Bonfire and cider, a great place to walk, and a wonderful selection of gift ideas.

Sat. Dec. 5, 7:00pm **3rd Annual Christmas Variety Show** at Port Wade Hall, 1771 Granville Road. Tickets are $15 each or 2/$25. Limited seating available so reserve your tickets early! 902-955-2244 or amc71@hotmail.ca There will be a door prize, 50/50 and raffle items drawn for that night. Lunch provided. All monies raised to help with hall maintenance. A show that you won't want to miss!







Sun. Dec. 6, 8-10:00am **Port George Monthly Breakfast**, Port George Recreation Centre. Bacon, Sauage, Home fries, Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Baked Beans, Toast, Tea, Coffee. $13 per person, Children $6. *

Sun. Dec. 6, 3:00pm **Annapolis Voices presents "Hope Lingers"** - holiday music about hope, joy, peace and love, at St George & St Andrew United Church, Annapolis Royal (393 St George St). With Special Guests Paradise Brass and others. Tickets $20, youth $5, available from members, online at Zeffy.com or call 902-526-3609.

Thur. Dec. 10, 7:00pm **The Clarence 4-H Club** meets at the Clarence Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm. New members and leaders are always welcome! For more information call Shanda at 902-824-2835.

Fri. Dec. 11, 6:30pm **Middleton's Holiday Light Parade** Come out and enjoy a festive evening as dazzling floats, colourful lights, and holiday cheer make their way through town! Want to be part of the magic? We're inviting businesses, organizations, community groups, and individuals to join the fun by entering a float! Whether you're planning to participate or simply enjoy the festivities, we can't wait to celebrate the holiday season with you! For more information or to register a float, visit: middleton.ca/holiday-light-parade

Sun. Dec. 13, 1:00pm **Pot Luck Luncheon** at the Granville Centre Community Hall. A free will offering will be taken up - all proceeds for the Hall. A draw will take place for a hand-made quilt and a harvest basket as second prize. So come on out and join us for the final pot luck for 2026!

"Getting to Know"...You!

You are invited to send us a short piece about your business or organization. The Bridgetown Reader welcomes articles of up to 500 or so words that would introduce you to the community; we call these stories "Getting to Know..." and they are free for one-time inclusion. Whether your business or group is large or small, we want to help spread the word about what you do, where you are, and how people can get in touch with you. Let us hear from you. Reach us through the contact form at www.bridgetownreader.news, through Facebook/ Bridgetown Reader, email readerpublishing@outlook.com or call or text 902-824-0412.

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A **Save Our Libraries group** meets and rallies every Thursday from 10 to 11 in front of MLA Bowlby's office in Middleton. We welcome anyone who would like to come out and join us to advocate for sustainable government funding for public libraries in rural Nova Scotia. We believe that it's important to keep this issue in the public eye, and to make clear to the provincial government that we will not tire of voicing our opposition to this government's decision to allow five libraries in the Annapolis Valley to announce impending closure.

Come out and join in support of a cause that touches the foundations of a healthy democracy. Bring warm clothing and a sign if you can. If not, we'll supply one!

Advent Study: Dec. 1st, 8th and 15th at 2pm. Come and join us! Ever wonder what makes an Anglican? How are they different from the other Christian denominations? What is a "Book of Common Prayer"? And more.... The Anglican Parish of Bridgetown is running a three session discussion during Advent to answer these questions. Led by the Rev. Julia Ford and hosted by a parishioner. Please contact Revjuliaf@gmail.com for location details.

Hatha Yoga-All Levels Approach the holidays with peace of mind and wellbeing. Mondays and Thursdays 10-11:15 am at Centrelea Community Hall. Register now for this series ending December 18. Prepay for the remaining classes at $12/class; or drop in any time for $15. Beginners encouraged. Namaste! Email love4srorcas@gmail.com for info.

The Centrelea Community Hall is proud to announce that the **2027 Centrelea Calendar** is now available for all your bragging rights and gift-giving needs. Show off the astounding beauty of our community and surrounding area, support your local hall, and cross everyone off your holiday gift list. Local, beautiful, and useful—what more could you ask for? Pricing: $20 each, or 3 for $50! Available now at these local retailers:
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You can also order directly by emailing centreleacommunityhall@gmail.com or calling 902-665-5113. Quantities are limited! Get yours while you can.

The Lawrencetown United Baptist Church (LUBC) is fundraising and hosting a winter market Nov 2026-May 2027 from 10-2pm. **The first market will start Nov 21, 2026.** Markets are Dec. 2026 to May 2027 and will take place on the second Saturday of each month. Come on down to our market and explore the local makers and bakers!

LUBC is still accepting vendors, and the contact info is listed below. This is a great opportunity to support a good cause, networking and community connection. We look forward to hearing from you, please contact Sharon Leonard at 1944norahs@gmail.com or 902-309- 0124

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LOST & FOUND
Presented by The Annapolis District Drama Group.
Written by Jill Harland and Directed by Verilea Ellis
NOVEMBER 13, 14 & 15



NAZA
The Israeli military's AI-powered war on Gaza. Winner of the Special Jury Prize, Venice International Film Festival
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18 @ 7:00 PM



THE FUGITIVES: RIDGE
FREE Special Event! Bringing the stories of Vimy Ridge to life through story and song
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20 @ 7:30 PM



SENSE AND SENSIBILITY
The irresistible new take on Jane Austen's iconic story. Daisy Edgar-Jones, Esmé Creed Miles, Caitríona Balfe
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21 @ 7:00 PM



WILDWOOD
From the makers of Coraline, an epic fantasy that transports audiences into a secret, dangerous world
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22 @ 3:00 PM



WICKER
An outcast (Olivia Colman) commissions a wicker husband (Alexander Skarsgård) sparking chaos in her village
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25 @ 7:00 PM



GEOFF ARSNEAULT
A night of blues, swampy blues roots tinged with a pinch of Tex-Mex, and a dash of New Orleans blues
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28 @ 7:30 PM



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A mind-bending three-year journey that flips the documentary form in its head
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20 @ 3:00 PM



A TALENT FOR MURDER
Chamber thriller starring Helen Mirren as The Talented Mr. Ripley author Patricia Highsmith
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A Very Kingston Christmas

Come Start a Christmas Tradition! Kingston is getting ready to celebrate the magic of Christmas! Come join Kingston for A Very Kingston Christmas on Saturday, November 28, from 3:00–7:00 PM at the Aurora Inn grounds, 831 Main Street, Kingston.

The grounds of the Aurora Inn will be magically transformed into a festive Christmas Village Filled with twinkling lights, cozy fires, holiday music, local vendors, family activities and plenty of Christmas cheer!

Visitors can enjoy a visit with Santa, Santa photos, reindeer rides, cookie decorating, ornament making, Christmas carols and the opportunity to shop local for unique gifts. Fresh-cut Balsam Fir Christmas trees and beautiful fresh wreaths will also be available for purchase.

The highlight of the evening will be Kingston's Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony – a special gathering filled with music, carols and Christmas spirit as we come together to light the tree and hopefully begin a new annual tradition for our community.

Admission is FREE, with some activities and experiences available for an additional fee. Bring your family, invite your friends and come be part of something special as we kick off the Christmas season together!





Message from the Annapolis Community Health Centre Auxiliary

In 1938 a group of women came together in the Annapolis Royal area with the goal of supporting the Annapolis General Hospital. Our founding members had a common purpose to support the hospital and the patients that were there. They developed bylaws. They set out their ethics. They created a prayer. They set targets for fundraising. They had fun. Although times changed, our mission did not.

Our members brought many skills and insights to the group. Many also fulfilled roles at the provincial and national Health Auxiliary levels. Many of our members worked at the Annapolis hospital. Many were born there, or have family members who were born there. We have multi generational members, and some very young members who want to serve the community. For a small rural community, this is quite remarkable.

The common thread through the decades has been service to those in need. Hard work, but immensely fulfilling. In more modern times, the group was able to weather the pandemic.

We have provided numerous pieces of equipment, supplies, programs, furnished rooms, treated staff to lunches, and decorated a tree at Christmas. Our Christmas Angel project allowed people to honour family members.

Many community members will remember their evening of fun and creativity at the Christmas floral night, and many will have enjoyed our ladies night out events.

One of the highlights of our fundraising was the variety show. We were able to not only showcase local talent, but have some genuine laughs along the way. We also hosted a bazaar highlighting local crafters, various teas, and community events.

We supported local students wishing to enter the Healthcare professions through our scholarships.

It is with heavy hearts, hearts filled with gratitude, that we announce the dissolution of our group. Times are changing, and we are no longer able to carry this role.

We could never have enjoyed the successes we have had over the years without the community behind us. We have been blessed to have so many people over the years contributing to our cause and we know what an incredible community we live in.

So thank you, Annapolis Royal community, for your years of support.

Any further donations may be made to the Annapolis Health Foundation, a very worthy group indeed, in support of the health centre and community. Our remaining funds will be distributed to foundations that also support the people of our area: Valley Regional Hospital, Valley Hospice, and Annapolis West Health foundation.

It's been a wonderful journey

With heartfelt thanks

The Auxiliary

Free Legal Name Change Clinic

Thur. Nov. 19, 2-5:00pm at NSCC Middleton.

To honour Transgender Awareness Week (November 13-19) and to support our LGBTQIA+ community, NSCC Annapolis Valley Campus is excited to be hosting our second legal name change clinic!

In partnership with Legal Aid Nova Scotia, we will have lawyers on site to witness documents, and volunteers available to assist with form completion. There will be no cost to participants - please help us spread the word!

VCU Collects Food Bank Donations

Giving Tuesday is a global movement that celebrates kindness and generosity. This year, it takes place on December 1, 2026 and the Kindness Crew at Valley Credit Union is stepping up to collect donations for our local food banks across the Annapolis Valley.

From November 16–27, anyone in the community is welcome to drop off non-perishable food, diapers, toiletries, personal care items or monetary donations (if they are able) at any of the seven Valley Credit Union branches during business hours. Canning, Hantsport, New Minas, Cambridge, Greenwood, Middleton, Bridgetown

The Corporate Social and Environmental Responsibility (CSER) Committee will match monetary donations dollar for dollar, up to a total of $1,400, helping us make an even bigger impact in our local communities.

Last day to donate will be Friday, November 27, by 4:00pm. And we will share our collective donation on Giving Tuesday. Let's bring a little more kindness to our communities!

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Annapolis County Council

Highlights October 20, 2026

EI Reduction Program - Municipal Council supported the establishment of a wellness initiative as an incremental staff benefit to be funded through the EI Reduction Program.

J-Class Subdivision Road Submissions:

Municipal Council authorized the CAO to provide notice to the Province of its intention to participate in the J-Class Subdivision Road Program for 2027-28. Municipal Council authorized the CAO to submit as candidates for the J-Class Subdivision Road 2027-28 the following streets:

- Letteney Lane, Granville Ferry
- Hillside Drive, Lequille
- Sunvalley Street, Lawrencetown
- Pond Drive, Nictaux
- Hillcrest Avenue, Nictaux

Deep Brook Force Main Installation (Capital Funding Request) - Municipal Council authorized up to $40,000 from the sewer reserve fund for the installation to the Deep Brook force main at the new pedestrian bridge.

Road Naming for a Shared Access Road (Nictaux) - Municipal Council approved the name "Wentworth Place" for a shared access in the community of Nictaux.

Fire Service Regional Grant: Municipal Council will provide a letter of support for the Annapolis County Fire Service Association Training Division's application to the Regional Emergency Service Provider Fund. Municipal Council approved a financial contribution of 10% of the eligible costs, up to a maximum of $18,026.10, to be funded from 2027-2028 operations budget.

Property Lease Near Clementsvale Falls - Municipal Council approved the signing of a one-year renewable lease agreement with the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works for a parcel of land adjacent to the County-owned Clementsvale Falls.

Delaps Cove Land Acquisition:

Donation from Meier Family - Municipal Council accepted the Meier Family donation of land with all the conditions and transactions as outlined in the report.

Donation from Anne Littlewood - Municipal Council accepted the Littlewood Property donation for the Environment and Climate Change Canada Ecological Gifts Program as outlined in the report.

Funding of Lake Munro Capital Project - Municipal Council reallocated funds from the Annapolis Basin Tidal Beach capital project in the amount of $12,000 to complete the project at Lake Munro.

Proposed Amendments (Deep Brook) - Municipal Council gave first reading of its intent to approve the proposed amendments to the Annapolis County Municipal Planning Strategy Future Land Use Map and Annapolis County Land Use Bylaw Zoning Map for 668 Highway 1, Deep Brook to re-designate the property from Commercial to Residential and rezone the property from Local Commercial (C1) Zone to Multi-unit Residential (R2) Zone. A public hearing date was set for November 17, 2026.

Development Agreement - Municipal Council gave first reading of its intent to enter into a Development Agreement for the expansion of an existing Solid Waste Transfer Facility in the M1 (Local Industrial) zone of the Annapolis County Land Use Bylaw. A public hearing date was set for November 17, 2026.

Sale of Surplus Park Land:

Municipal Council directed staff to dispose of Lot 6 located on Highway 201, Meadowvale, with the proceeds to be used for future parks, playgrounds or other similar purposes.

Municipal Council directed staff to dispose of Lot 20, located on Michael & Kyle Avenues, Meadowvale, with the proceeds to be used for future parks, playgrounds or other similar purposes.

Municipal Council directed staff to dispose of Lot 97P on Alexander Mackenzie & Robert Frost Roads, South Farmington, with the proceeds to be used for future parks, playgrounds or other similar purposes.

Disposal of Land - Municipal Council authorized staff to dispose of land on Purdy Rd. to abutting property owner for costs of all associated legal fees and deed registration fees.

Policy: Approved (seven-day given October 13, 2026)

- Policy 104 Audit Committee
- Policy AM – 1.7.4 Purchasing and Tendering Policy (amendments)

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Municipal Planning Strategy & Land Use Bylaw Map Amendment Application

TAKE NOTICE that the Municipal Council will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** of its intention to amend the **Annapolis County Land Use Map** and **Future Land Use Map.** The purpose of the proposed amendment is to rezone 668 Highway 1, Deep Brook from C1 (Local Commercial) to R2 (Multi-Unit Residential) which will require redesignation of the Future Land Use map from CO (Commercial) to RES (Residential).

You are invited to attend and speak or ask questions concerning these proposed planning documents.

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2026
Time: 10:00 AM
Where: Municipal Administration Building, 752 St. George St., Annapolis Royal (Council Chambers)

Any interested persons who wish to speak on the matter are welcome to make respectful comments or concerns and may register at the door prior to the meeting start time. A copy of the proposed amendment may be viewed on the Municipality's website or by visiting the Municipal Administration Building, 752 St. George St, Annapolis Royal weekdays, except public holidays, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

For further information, please contact:
Emmanuel Amoateng, Planner
Phone: (902)-824-0456
Email: eamoateng@annapoliscounty.ca

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Development Agreement Application

TAKE NOTICE that the Municipal Council will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider a **Development Agreement** for the expansion of an existing Solid Waste Transfer Facility on PID 05211248 in the M1 (Local Industrial) zone of the Annapolis County Land Use Bylaw.

You are invited to attend and speak or ask questions concerning these proposed planning documents.

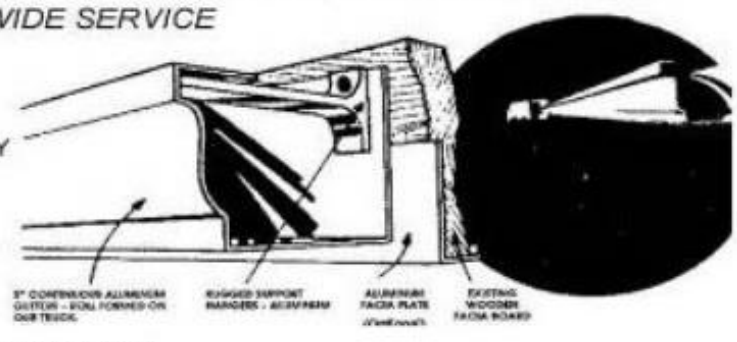
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Call for Vendors: Lower Granville Hall is looking for vendors for our upcoming Holiday Market. We are looking for a diverse mix of vendors, including Crafters, Makers, and Artists. The Market will be held on Sat. Nov. 21st from 9am - 1pm. Spaces available to rent:

· Tiny Treasures Space: Medium Table (96" x 30") for $15 per space. (4 spaces available)

· The Kitchen Sink Space: Large Table (122" x 32") for $20 per space. (1 space available)

You will not want to miss the opportunity to be a part of this eclectic and vibrant Holiday Market. Limited space is available and will go fast. Simply email LowerGranvilleHall@gmail.com to register.

Wanted: Crafters to take part in our annual Breakfast with Santa fundraiser at Lawrencetown Consolidated School. November 28th 8:30 am to 12pm. Contact school or email avrce-sac-lcs@gnspes.ca

For Sale: 42" John Deere tow behind tractor sweeper. Hardly used. Better to you than me. Item LPSTS42JD. Assembled. Please call 902 247-5998 and leave message. Serious interest only.

For Sale: Electric hospital bed. All together. Will need to be disassembled to move. Price negotiable. Call 902-825-9183

For Sale: 4 winter snow tires, 205 55 R16 on steel rims, from a 2018 Hyundai Elantra. Good for another season. $200. Clementsvale area. 902-467-3462

Looking For: Rear tine rototiller. 902-765-8395

For Sale: Guest folding bed, $50. 70 quart cooler, keeps ice for 5 days, $50. 902-247-9193

Looking For a Dog Groomer. Annapolis Royal area. Please call 902-532-8301

For Sale: John Deere tractor 1023E. Front loader, 5 foot rear blade, D54 mower deck. Available week of Oct. 25th. 902-532-5892

For Sale: 20 HP outboard motor. FULL gas tank, spare prop. Never used in salt water. Always stored in heated basement. Very low hours. Bought new in 1992. Price $2500 OBO. 902-638-3376

House For Sale by Owner: Hwy 201, Nictaux. 2 BR, 1 bath pre-fab. TV and dining room, kitchen island, butler's pantry. Bright and sunny 1 acre mature property. Heated garage with cement floor, firepit, potting shed. Asking $313,000. Call 902-665-4024 after 1pm.

For Sale: Sat. Oct. 24, 10am-2pm, 4758 Shore Rd. W., Parkers Cove. 8500 King generator. Stihl chain saw. 10 ft. fiber stepladder. 6 ft. fiber stepladder. King 10 inch compound miter saw with stand and lumber support leg. Plus, a good assortment of hand and power tools.

For Sale: 14 packs of Adventures and Odysseys CDs, $15 ea. or all for $120. Great Christmas gift for a child. 2 dog hair trimming kits, barely used, $30 ea. or both for $50. 902-532-5053

Organist Needed: The St Louis community, Annapolis Royal, is still searching for an Organist for our weekend Mass on Saturdays at 5:00 pm. If there is anyone interested in committing one hour of their talent to praise God, please contact Eloise at 902 250-0194 or by email to eloise.mailman@gmail.com. Hymn selections are chosen from CBW III and Celebrate In Song and prepared a month in advance by the Leader of Song, Eloise.

For Sale: Four 22 inch snow tires on rims for sale. Contact 1-902-532-2683.

For Sale: 2016 VW Tiguan 2ltr 4 Motion Trendline AWD Grey $10,500. Clean, comfortable, and well-maintained compact SUV. Odo 134,450km
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For Sale: 2016 Mercedes Benz C300 series, sunroof, fully inspected, very low mileage. $14,500. Call 902-665-4024 after 1pm.

For Sale: 1999 Sunfire convertible, auto. Never driven in winter 88,000 km. Excellent condition. Asking $6,000. 902-245-3697

For Sale: 4 Michelin X-Ice Snow SUV S225/65 R17 tires on steel rims off a Mazda CX-5. $200. (902) 996-0110 or clarkbilli1@hotmail.com; Hampton





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For Rent: A lovely 1 bedroom apartment to rent, 2 minutes from downtown Annapolis Royal in the community of Lequille. Available Nov 15th. Sorry, no smoking or pets and references are required. If interested please call 902.532.5837.

For Rent: Large 1 bedroom apartment in Annapolis Royal available November 1. Has a balcony overlooking Fort Anne. Includes laundry and an extra storage room. References required. Rent is $1650 + hydro. Call 902-521-4986.

For Rent: Annapolis Royal house-like apartment with huge centre hall. 2 good-sized bedrooms, separate dining room, large living room with handsome non-working fireplace, built-in bookshelves, french doors, pot lights, LED lighting, modern bath vanity and lighting, real wood floors, windows on 3 sides making it cheery. On bus route and sidewalk into commercial area, next door to health centre, quiet with lovely neighbours who also value privacy. Second floor. Heat and laundry included. Non-smoking. Must have good rental and employment history. $1700 available Sept 1st. Please leave message 902-531-2662.

Apartment for Rent: In Bridgetown, $1200 /month. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, large 2nd floor unit, tenant pays power. Includes Fridge, range, no pets please. Rear parking included. Quiet street backing to river. Please email or text with serious inquiries. Scionpropertiesinc@gmail.com 902-698-2209.



Preparations are underway for the Annual **Champlain Elementary School Holiday Bazaar,** Dec. 10th, hosted by CES Home & School Committee! The Bazaar is an opportunity for each student to shop for the members of their immediate family (living in their household).

This is a FREE event for every student! Their eyes light up knowing they have a secret gift for each family member in their home. This year's Bazaar will be hosted on December 10th!

We are asking for donations of new or gently used items to use as gifts. Please refrain from sending large or breakable items, as they are difficult to wrap and hard for students to carry home.

Donations can NOW be dropped off at the Champlain Elementary School office during school hours or on Wednesday evenings between 6 - 8pm.

Some examples of items we are always need are:

Gifts for teenagers - gift cards, movie passes, gloves/hats, gaming items, Pokémon cards, sports items, board games, etc.

Gifts for men - sports items, tools, car care items, gloves, socks, etc.

Gifts for children - small toys, games and puzzles, mittens, etc.

Gifts for women - scarves, figurines, gloves, socks, etc.

Christmas items - ornaments and decorations, etc.

Coffee Mugs and individual packages of hot chocolate or candy to stuff them with.

***Donations of GIFT BAGS, tissue/wrapping paper, reusable shopping bags, and scotch tape are greatly appreciated!

For Sale: Two vintage Pyramid Metronome model 7 speakers. 5" woofer, 1" tweeter. Size: L 10.25" W 5.25" H 7.5 ". Included 8 ft of Monster XP speaker wire, terminated with banana plugs. $200. If interested : hloegler@outlook.com or 902 825-1545.

Looking For: Local Salt Mackerel. Call 902-532 -8301.

For Sale: Heavy duty 10" table saw. Very good condition. $300 OBO. Apartment size refrigerator, like new. $50. 902-309-1299.

For Sale: Various antiques including Kerosene Lamps, Clocks, Crocks, China Dolls and a three-piece Victorian Grape-back Parlor Set. Please call 902-765-3467 for appointment to view at a Private Home in Kingston Area.

For Sale: 36" exterior steel left-hand inswing door. Like new, $400. 4 Firestone winter tires, 245/70 17. $450. Drop leaf table and 4 chairs, $300. 902-532-2044.

For Sale: 4 Michelin, Defender summer tires and aluminum rims in good condition. Came from Ford Fiesta, 185/60R15, $300 or best offer. cecildominey@eastlink.ca 902-765-8597

For Sale: 4 snow tires, excellent condition, mounted on rims, 4 bolt holes. 215/60R16 95T. 902-765-4961.

For Sale: 7 NIP Sun Zero energy saving thermal blackout curtain panels. Warm tan, tab tops 40 x 95 inches. Asking $150. Can deliver. 902-665-5282.

Lost: Two Tamagotchis (digital pets) in a brown crocheted pouch in October possibly at Bridgetown Tim Hortons, Kennie's Farm Market or Burger King in New Minas. Lost by a young autistic boy. Much prized. $100 reward. Contact bonnyjns@hotmail.com or call 902-740-3451.



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Grand Opening & Big Christmas Sale planned for Thursday Nov 26th 9 am – 7 pm, Friday Nov 27th 9 – 5, and Sat the 28th 9 – 12 noon. Christmas Gift Packs and all the FREE products will have arrived by then for you to enter your name.

Here is your LONGGGG Community Connection Section.

Anna/ Royal - Do you like Rock music? Come out and support the young talented band called PROLETARIAT. Free admission, enjoy Live rock music at the Port Royal Legion Branch #21 Friday Nov 13th from 7 - 9 pm with no cover charge! Chase the Ace continues, est. $1425 with 46 cards remaining in the deck.

Anna/Royal - First Ever 'Paint & Sip with Candice' at the Mad Hatter Wine Bar, Tues Dec 8th @ 6:30 pm. Reserve your spot, please send your $35 payment with your name in the message of E-transfer to: cihudson79@hotmail.com. Questions call: 532-2070.

Anna/Royal - AHS Gingerbread Competition. Put your creativity to the test this festive season. They will be on display Nov 27 - 29 O'Dell House Museum. Register by 4 pm Mon Nov 23. 532-7754. annapolisheritage@gmail.com

Anna/Royal - Holly Dolly Christmas Party & Book Drive, Sat Dec 19th@ 6:30 pm. Karaoke with Theresa @ Mad Hatter Wine Bar. 6:30 - 9pm. Get ready for BIG hair, festive flair, and a whole lot of fun at the Mad Hatter Wine Bar. Admission $10 or donate a new children's book. Come dressed to impress, we'll have prizes. Most Glamorous Dolly, Best Christmas Theme, Wildest Cowgirl Outfit.

Anna/ Royal - Paint & Pints with Connie, Thur, Nov 19th @ 6:30 pm at the ABC Taproom Ticket price : $50 (#302 St George St).

Anna/ Royal - Inside Yard Sale in November Sat Nov 14th from 9 am - 12 noon. St. Louis Catholic Church(blue church Upper St. George St).

Anna/Royal - Notice of Gym Closure: The Community Hub Gym is closing from Nov 8th to February 2027 for significant upgrades. Washrooms, changerooms, and common areas, Create a more modern, safe and accessible space for everyone.

Anna/Royal - Baintons Tannery Outlet and Book Store now has Seniors 15% off for ages 60 and over the last Wednesday of every month.

Anna/ Royal- Christmas Craft Show at the Fire Hall. Sat Dec 5th from 9 am - 3 pm. OVER 50 vendors. $2 adm. Interested in Volunteering to help or wanting a table? Contact ChristmasCraftShow@outlook.com.

Anna/Royal - King's Theatre has a FB Holiday Auction coming up, Opens Fri Nov 27th at 7 pm and closes Fri Dec 4th at 7 pm on Facebook.

Brickton - "Sell What You Want" (not just crafts) Christmas Market on SUN Nov 15th from 9 am - 4 pm. (Community Hall, between Middleton & Lawrencetown) NO Entry fee.

Bear River Winter Craft Fair- Sat Nov 28th 10am - 3 pm. Oakdene Centre. PLUS Craft Fair at the Bear River Fire Dept from 10 am - 3:00 the same day.

Bridgetown- BRCS O2 Craft Market Expo is 2 days! Fri Dec 4th 5 - 8 pm and Sat Dec 5th 10 - 2 pm. (BRCS-Bridgetown Regional Community School).

Bridgetown-Mountain Lea Lodge Crafty Craft Sale Sat Nov 14th from 10 - 3 pm in the Recreation Room. Mtn. Lea Lodge Christmas FB Online Auction until noon Nov 23rd. Proceeds for Recreation Dept.

Bridgetown- SchoolsPlus Annapolis County is looking for the following donations for an individual: Size 4x adult t-shirts, Size 4x adult pants (joggers), size 4x adult winter coat, Size 4x adult boxers (loose fit) , socks, sneakers size 16 wide(DC/Sketchers), Winter boots size 16 wide Gently used or new items accepted. Reach out to Leah Marshall at BRCS (Bridgetown Community School).

Clarence - Christmas Market Sunday Nov 15th 10 - 3 pm. (#3337 Clarence rd)

Centrelea- Cookie Bakers ! We need you and your delicious homemade cookies for our annual Holiday Cookie Box Fundraiser. 2 dozen or so needed by Dec 12th @ 9:00 am Call 902-665- 5113. Or email: centreleacommunityhall@gmail.com

Check out Olivia's Art Emporium- located at #27 Church St. Annapolis Royal in the old Dairy Building (Across from Farmers Market)(Behind Loose Ends Building)

Clementsvale- Paint & Create Drop-In Fundraiser for Willow Learning House! Sat Nov 14 from 10 am - 2 pm at the Forrester's Hall. Paint here or grab a kit to go. I provide everything…pretraced canvas, paints, instructions etc., for $18! Host: Happymess with Missy Questions call 902-245-6242.

Congratulations to Scotia Handmade Treasures in Anna/ Royal- celebrating 5 years!! Located on the corner across from The Red Onion Market/ Royal Bank.

Cornwallis- The Bushel and Barrow Market opened Monday Nov 9th! Located #742 Broadway Ave. They are planning to have fruits, veggies, bread, milk and dairy, including ice cream, pop, chips, candy, grocery items, toiletries, personal care and whatever else they can fit in. It is wheelchair accessible. Open 9 - 6 most days. Right beside Felker Hall: which has a Christmas Craft Fair, Sat Nov 21st 10 am - 3 pm.

Crafty Christmas @ The ABC: The Potting Shed, Thurs Dec 17th at 6:30 pm. Centrepiece Making with the Potting Shed. Tickets for purchase at the Potting Shed #17 St. James St. Anna/Royal. (being held at The Annapolis Brewing Company).

Crafty Chicks are having a Christmas Craft Sale & Luncheon, Sat Nov 28 11:00 - 3 pm. Youngs Cove Community Hall (#5407 Shore Rd West) Choice of Chili or Turkey Soup $6 with lunch

Granville Ferry- A Candlelight Christmas Story time at North Hills Museum, Wednesday Dec 2nd begins at 4:30 - 5:30 pm suitable for all ages. Blankets & Pajamas encouraged. Admission by donation. $5 /person/suggested. Civic # 5065 Granville Rd.

Granville Ferry- Champlain Elementary School Home & School- we are now accepting donations of gifts for our upcoming Holiday Bazaar, where each student 'shops' for their family members and brings home a wrapped gift for every person in their household. There is no cost to our students to participate in this program. You can drop these donations off at CES on North St. or if you can drop off at Weasy's Hair Salon, NEW spot, #4740 Hwy 1, right beside Granville Accounting.

Granville Ferry- Looking for a sweet puppy? Contact Lisa Hebb 902-532-2228. Check out our FB Group for lots of pictures: Furever Loving Puppies

Kingston- The Merry Market- Sunday Nov 15th 9 am - 3 pm (#165 Bridge St Melvern Sq) Event is hosted by Precision Dance Assoc. Holiday Craft & Vendor market.

Kingston- Legion Christmas Craft and Vendor Show. Sat Nov 28th 10 - 3 pm @ Legion.

Lawrencetown- Christmas at the Vineyard - Beaver Creek- Sun Nov 15th 10 am - 3 pm. Hosted by Lunns Mill.(#496 Carleton Rd.)

Lawrencetown- Holiday Wreath Workshop- Sun Nov 29th 2 pm - 4 pm. $55 + tax. Contact The Valley Rose to purchase your tickets 902-825-3331 by Nov 24th . It's @ Lunns Mill.

Lawrencetown- Do you like puzzles on a Thurs night @ 6 pm? Nov 19th. Fun! Friendly Competition! Teams of 2-4 people will compete to finish a 500-piece puzzle!. $50 a team. To register go to website bbbsannapolisvalley.ca Call Amy at 902-670-7850.

Lower Granville Hall - Holiday Market, Sat Nov 21st from 9 am - 1 pm. ALSO … Holiday Centrepiece Workshop- Sun Dec 13th 10 am - 2 pm. Registration fee is $50. Contact: LowerGranvilleHall@gmail.com. Includes all supplies.

Lequille- Thextons Greenhouse is Open Nov 12 -15th (sorry, don't have the hours)

Middleton- Macdonald Museum - 2 day Christmas Craft Fair! Sat Nov 28th 10 am - 3:30p

Middleton- Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation Fundraiser has launched a Fundraising Campaign for new modern pulmonary function testing equipment. How to Give? Visit middletonsmhf.ca, use the drop box inside the entrance of Soldiers Mem. Hospital, or by mail to P.O. Box 730 Middleton, NS B0S 1P0

Middleton- Fireflies have a Ticket Auction Sat Nov 14th 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. #49 Church Street. New & Gently used items, Canteen available. All proceeds support Middleton Fire Dept.

Moschelle- Christmas Craft and Bake Sale, Sat Nov 28, 9 am - 2 pm at the Community Hall, #718 Hwy 201. Door Prize @ 2 pm!

Port Lorne- Christmas Craft Sale, Sat Nov 14th 10 am - 3 pm. $2 entry. Coffee, Tea & Sandwiches available for purchase. Proceeds to Canada Day Committee, at the PL Fire Hall.

PUMPKINS & Gourds WANTED: We are putting our pumpkin bin at the end of the driveway at #505 Granville St. in Bridgetown.

Sunday Shopping? Sure, Heritage House Mercantile 11am - 3 pm (Tue - Sat 10 - 4, located at Fortview Golf Course), Anna/Royal Historic Gardens 9 - 5 (7 days a week), plus The Red Onion Market 9 - 5 pm (7 days a week St George St), Annapolis Home Hardware 10 - 3 pm.

Upper Clements- Christmas Craft Sale- SUN Nov 29th 10 am - 3pm @ Com/ Hall

Double Your Impact This Giving Tuesday!

On December 1st your donation to the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Nova Scotia Division can go twice as far! Thanks to the generosity of Michelin Waterville, donations will be matched dollar for dollar, up to a total of $1,500.

Where does your donation go?

When we think about mental health support, we often think about counselling, therapy or crisis services. But our mental health is also shaped by the circumstances of our everyday lives. Having a safe place to call home, opportunities for meaningful employment, connections with others and access to mental health education all play an important role in our well-being.

At CMHA Nova Scotia Division, we recognize that supporting mental health isn't just about responding when someone is struggling. It's also about addressing the challenges that affect people's everyday lives and helping them build on their strengths.

Our community-based programs provide practical support, help people overcome barriers and develop the skills, knowledge and connections that contribute to long-term stability and well-being.

Your donation helps support programs that:

- Help people experiencing homelessness or housing instability find and maintain safe, stable housing.
- Support people facing barriers to employment in developing skills, finding work and maintaining employment.
- Provide free mental health education where people can learn practical strategies for navigating everyday challenges and supporting their well-being.
- Equip peer support providers with the training and resources they need to offer meaningful support to others.

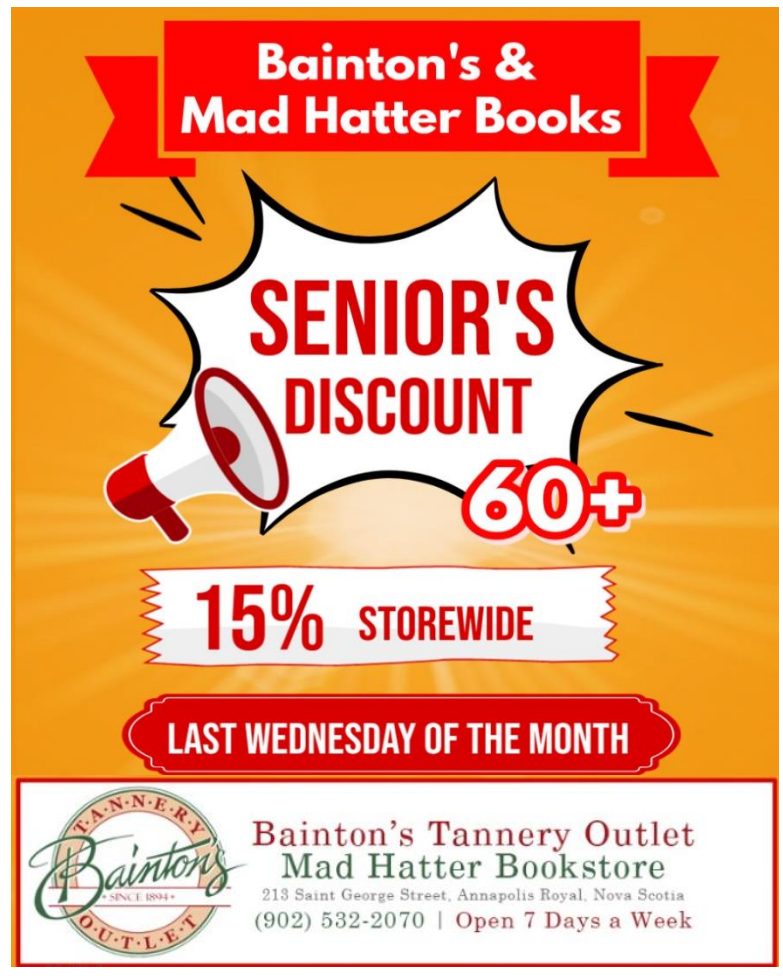
As a non-profit organization, we rely on donations and grants to help keep these programs accessible to Nova Scotians. Every donation helps us continue providing programs that support people through difficult times, address barriers to well-being and help them build a more stable future.

Because supporting mental health isn't just about helping people when they're struggling. It's also about creating the conditions that help people stay well.

This Giving Tuesday, help more Nova Scotians access the support, skills and resources they need to live well. Make a donation at https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/150527 More info at https://novascotia.cmha.ca









Job Opportunity: Arena Attendant

Location: Bridgetown & District Memorial Arena Season: September – March
Job Type: Casual (Weekends)
Hourly Rate: $18 - $22 per hour
Contact: bridgetownarena@gmail.com

Position Overview

The Bridgetown Community Recreation Association (BCRA) is hiring a casual Arena Attendant staff member. This role handles day-to-day operations, ice maintenance, janitorial work, and customer service at the Bridgetown & District Memorial Arena.

Key Responsibilities

Ice & Equipment: Operate the Zamboni, maintain the ice, and handle routine maintenance on facility equipment (power tools, pressure washers, etc.).

Building Maintenance & Cleaning: Complete regular janitorial duties (indoors and outdoors) following Public Health guidelines and BCRA policies. Handle basic repairs, painting, and snow shoveling around exits.

Operations & Event Prep: Set up and take down equipment for rentals and special events (moving nets, boards, etc.). Handle opening/closing procedures and keep accurate logbooks.

Customer Service: Answer patron questions and process rental bookings in person and over the phone. Communicate and report inappropriate behaviour if needed.

Safety: Responsible for safe facility operation during assigned shifts.

Requirements: Criminal Record & Vulnerable Sector Check
How to Apply: Email your resume to bridgetownarena@gmail.com





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— Karen Joy Fowler, We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves

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6	5	■	■	3	2	4	1	7
■	7	8	■	4	3	5	6	■

How to beat **Str8ts** –
Like Sudoku, no single number can repeat in any row or column. But... rows and columns are divided by black squares into **compartments**. These need to be filled in with numbers that complete a 'straight'. A **straight** is a set of numbers with no gaps but can be in any order, eg [4,2,3,5]. Clues in black cells remove that number as an option in that row and column, and are not part of any straight. Glance at the solution to see how 'straights' are formed.

SUDOKU

No. 829 — Medium

7	4							
	9			5	3	1		
			7		8			
	7	1					9	5
		5	8	3	1	2		
2	8					6	3	
			3		6			
		8	2	7			1	
							8	2

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The solutions will be published here in the next issue.

Previous solution - Easy

2	5	7	3	1	9	4	8	6
3	1	8	4	6	7	9	2	5
4	9	6	5	8	2	1	7	3
5	8	3	1	7	6	2	9	4
9	7	4	8	2	3	6	5	1
6	2	1	9	5	4	7	3	8
1	3	9	2	4	5	8	6	7
8	6	2	7	3	1	5	4	9
7	4	5	6	9	8	3	1	2

To complete Sudoku, fill the board by entering numbers 1 to 9 such that each row, column and 3x3 box contains every number uniquely.

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"Time of Our Lives" Cryptoquote Answer: The past is an old armchair in the attic, the present an ominous ticking sound, and the future is anybody's guess. James Thurber

In return for her love and care LORENA'S TWO EWES give her what? Rearrange the capital letters to form a two word answer.

_____

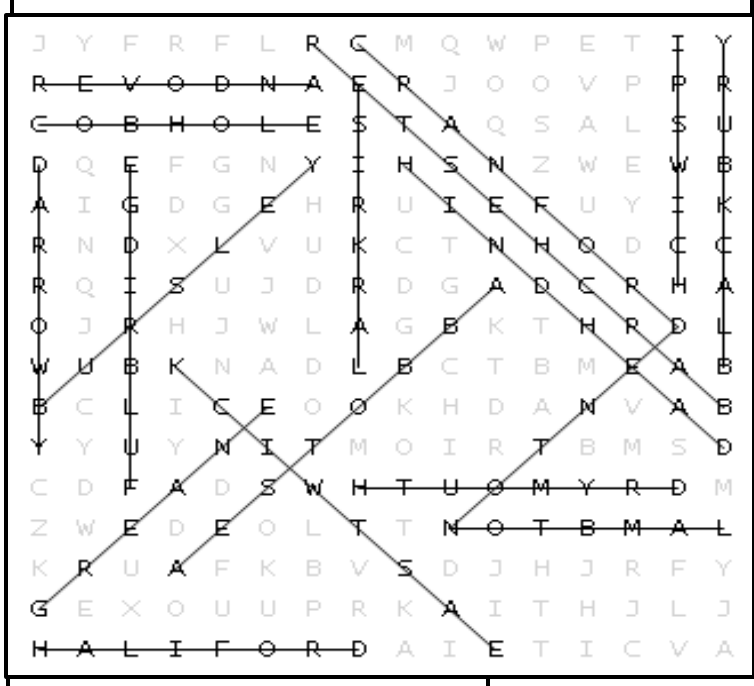
Here, at the edge of town, RESIDENT HAWKS WHEELED across the sky. What was the location?

WHERE THE SIDEWALK ENDS

Anagrams Answers Puzzle 44

Brawler – Warbler
Diamante – Animated
Dogbane – Bondage
Dopier – Period
Frenetic - Reinfect
Hellenic – Chenille
In camera – American
Peripatetic - Precipitate
Pleasers – Relapses
Whoever - However

"Fictional English Villages" Word Search Answer



"Real Canadian Places" Word Search Puzzle

Bacon Ridge	Big Beaver
Cardigan	Climax
Cocagne	Crapaud
Eyebrow	Finger
Flin Flon	Forget
Goobies	Mayo
Mushaboom	Spuzzum
Stoner	Vulcan
Wawa	Witless Bay

Find the word or phrase in the puzzle. Words can share letters as they cross over each other. Answer next week.

E	K	C	E	N	K	Y	D	S	R	A	E	X	L	N	M
G	W	V	L	F	A	C	C	E	L	W	R	C	N	O	U
D	I	I	P	I	D	C	V	P	Y	A	C	X	R	L	S
I	T	F	R	M	M	A	L	S	H	W	O	J	Y	F	H
R	L	K	Y	Y	E	A	P	U	C	H	C	G	X	N	A
N	E	J	H	B	K	U	X	R	V	B	A	V	Q	I	B
O	S	E	G	F	Z	C	A	R	D	I	G	A	N	L	O
C	S	I	I	Z	X	P	L	M	E	E	N	O	M	F	O
A	B	H	U	Z	A	M	W	O	R	B	E	Y	E	W	M
B	A	M	R	U	G	O	O	B	I	E	S	R	Z	U	N
F	Y	Z	D	R	E	I	T	R	E	N	O	T	S	B	V
F	E	S	Q	V	E	E	X	O	O	U	K	N	Z	F	K
Y	Q	W	M	D	G	G	M	Z	S	T	W	X	Y	Q	U
F	Q	D	I	R	L	C	N	A	P	V	L	I	I	C	I
S	I	R	O	E	W	G	I	I	Y	L	D	F	R	V	W
T	C	F	U	N	M	A	Z	Y	F	O	F	M	B	T	B

Anagrams Puzzle 45

Rearrange all the letters of each word to form two other common English words. Answers next week.

Gunshot - _____

_____

Iceman - _____

- _____

Luggers - _____

- _____

Lustred - _____

- _____

Signore - _____

- _____

"Unshackled" Cryptoquote: Each letter in the phrase has been replaced with a random letter. Answer next week.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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Y W F W

2 14 8 18 2 14 11 6 5 10 7 1 11 14 1 1 13 15 2 12 12 1 2 17 15

F

2 18 1 14 2 26 1 5 24 5 10 1 17 6 26 10 7 24 17 10 1 6 15

W Y

2 20 11 2 8 15 6 14 2 12 24 15 6 5 6 24 14 5 24 1 15 26 2 12 1

F Y

7 17 24 18 5 10 1 18 2 14 13 5 10 1 5 8 17 2 14 5 15 15 1 1

U Y V

5 10 2 5 5 10 19 15 5 10 1 8 20 24 15 1 2 15 20 2 21 1

F

14 6 26 24 20 2 15 26 10 2 18 7 24 17 5

Coming to King's Theatre

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Fri. Nov. 13 & Sat. Nov. 14, 7:30pm and Sun. Nov. 15, 3:00pm **Lost and Found** (live performance) The Annapolis District Drama Group presents Lost and Found, written by Jill Harland and directed by Verilea Ellis. In this heartwarming comedy, you'll laugh 'til there are tears in your eyes.

What is family? There's the one we're born into...and there's the one we create. Packing up the family cottage proves challenging for two sisters who are each trying to unpack their mid-life crises. Enter the neighbour, Barry, who brings his own baggage to the party, but will ultimately warm everyone's heart with his special brand of humour and insight. Lost and Found examines how friends can become family, and family can become friends.

Written by Canadian actor and playwright Jill Harland. You may remember Jill's short play, 'Nobody Here (But Us Chickens!)', which won a writing award at the King's Shorts Festival of Ten-Minute Plays in 2024. As a professional actor, she has performed across the country, including at Neptune Theatre in Halifax. Jill says: "I am thrilled that you are supporting live theatre. A huge thank you to ADDG for producing, and thanks to Verilea for directing and for championing my work". Tickets: Adults $22, Youth $10.

Wed. Nov. 18, 7:00pm **Naza** (documentary film) A window into systems of mass killing. Filmed at night from Tel Aviv rooftops, this investigative documentary examines the civilian casualties of Israel's military operations in Gaza and the systems behind targeted killings of Palestinians. Tickets: $11.95 Adults, $7.95 Youth.

Fri. Nov. 20, 7:30pm **Ridge, by Brendan McLeod, performed by The Fugitives** (live performance) A special free event. Often called the "battle that made Canada," Vimy Ridge resulted in over 10,000 Canadian casualties. Through direct storytelling, verbatim theatre, and live music, Brendan McLeod examines misconceptions and varying perspectives around the battle, while drawing parallels to other formative events in our nation's past. Featuring inventive musical interpretations of WWI soldier songs, Ridge probes difficult yet necessary questions about how and why we grieve. A vivid, kinetic ride through history, as well as an intimate, personal examination of our connection to the past, Ridge is a visceral work that passionately argues against the exploitation of young lives.

A Canadian folk staple, The Fugitives were formed in 2005 and are releasing their 7th album in 2026. They've been nominated for a JUNO, as well as 7 Canadian Folk Music Awards, including Best Vocal Group, Best Ensemble, and Best Songwriter. Having toured heavily across Canada, the UK, and the EU for two decades, they've been awarded the Best Folk Album of the Year by the German Music Critics' Association, performed at Glastonbury, and most major folk festivals across Canada. They've also branched out into theatre with their show, Ridge, which was a 2020 Globe & Mail "Top Arts Pick of the Year" and has toured to 50 theatres across Canada. They have earned a reputation for unforgettable live shows, brimming with complex harmonies, infectious storytelling and top-notch musicianship.

Tickets are free. Donations welcome. Please only select the seats that you will use. If your plans change and you cannot attend, please notify the Box Office right away. Any seats not claimed 15 minutes before show time will be released.

Sat. Nov. 21, 7:00pm **Sense and Sensibility** (film, PG) The irresistible new take on Jane Austen's iconic Sense and Sensibility: a charming, witty, and deeply relatable story of love and sisterhood starring Daisy Edgar-Jones and Esmé Creed-Miles. Tickets: $11.95 Adults, $7.95 Youth.

Sun. Nov. 22, 3:00pm **Wildwood** (film, PG-13) Wildwood is a handcrafted epic fantasy that transports audiences into a secret, dangerously alive world. A girl's desperate quest to save her baby brother unfolds into a spectacular, high-stakes adventure through a forbidden forest full of enchanted creatures, endearing allies, and formidable adversaries–where an entire hidden realm hangs in the balance. In an era of automation, LAIKA delivers its most ambitious and globally accessible film yet–a bold fusion of human-crafted artistry and cinematic storytelling from the makers of Coraline. Tickets: $11.95 Adults, $7.95 Youth.



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