

THE CENTRE POST

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As winter approaches and the temperature dips down to below freezing, it is wonderful to remember sitting on the porch at Between the Bushes looking out on the acres and acres of blueberry flowers. The sensory memories flood back as the scent of the blueberries seduces the brain and the thought of the great food titillates the taste buds. Blueberry Acres, Between the Bushes, Dykeview Farms, Vital Berry, and Nova Agri are significant members of the Centreville community.

by Gail Salmon

Between the Bushes Restaurant opened in 2001 as a lunch room. Shortly after, the restaurant had its own chef and menus. The establishment is open from May to October, with seating for 70. Although the restaurant is now closed for the winter, they do have some Christmas bookings. Between the Bushes offers lunches and dinners, and Steve Riley has been the chef since 2005. With 30 years of experience, Steve has provided unique cuisine using fresh produce and local foods when available, and there are several 'crop inspired' menu items.

Between the Bushes is a member of Taste of Nova Scotia. Marge Brown, Agri-Tourism Manager, stated that Steve Riley will be leaving Between the Bushes: they are looking for a new chef, and will continue in the 'field to fork' concept. It will be exciting to see new items on their menu, as well as some of our old favourites, when they open in the spring. There is a small gift shop in the restaurant that features culinary creations inspired by the chef and the Product Development Team, which include vinaigrettes, chutneys, fruit spreads, blueberry marmalade and blueberry juice. As well, there are many other treasures made by local artisans for sale.

Blueberry Acres is both a u-pick and a commercial business. It dates back to 1959/60, when it started as a trial initiated by the federal government to find out if it would be feasible to grow highbush blueberries. Initially, 50 acres were planted: today, Blueberry Acres has over 182 acres with 148 acres producing, and the enterprise is still expanding. There are over 30 varieties of blueberries, including Blue Crop, Blue Ray, Bonus, Dune, Jersey and Spartan. Did you know that blueberries need an inch of water a week?

The berries can be as small as the wild variety and as large as a loonie, and the taste can vary from quite tart to very sweet. Though highbush blueberries are self-pollinating, the farm rents 250 bee hives for cross-pollination, which helps in the production of over 1.2 million pounds of blueberries per year, depending on the weather.

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The Centre Post is published four times a year: September, December, March and June.

The deadline for news items, etc., is the 1st day of these months, with the newsletter at the outlets by the 21st. It is always good to get your information in before the deadline.

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Associate Editor's Note

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue of the *Centre Post*. Another year is coming to an end. I hope everyone has had a good year, with better things to come in the new year.

Just a reminder as the days are getting shorter and winter is here, turn on your vehicle's lights and clean off all the snow before driving.

Elisha Harper

Happy Holidays to all from The Centre Post


Submissions may be edited due to space limitations or for clarity purposes. Context will not be changed.

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Nova Agri - continued from P. 1

Blueberry Acres is part of Nova Agri Group of Companies. Nova Agri, “the marketing arm of the organization”, was founded by Earl and Bobby Kidston to promote local produce and provide help for farmers. Nova Agri Group also includes Between the Bushes, Dykeview Farms, Salad Acres, and Vital Berry Farm. The conglomerate has a soft-fruit plant on the land beside Blueberry Acres and markets produce under the Country Magic label. Further along Saxon Street is a vegetable plant. Potatoes, onions, lettuce, ethnics, carrots, blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries are all produced and packaged under their Country Magic label.



The people who represent the Nova Agri Group of Companies are very community-oriented. Nova Agri donated \$50, 000 to the Valley Regional Hospital for the Hospice and Palliative Care Centre. Between the Bushes has a brunch every spring to raise money for Alzheimer’s and Multiple Sclerosis. They have sponsored dinners for health and children, donated to the SMILE Program at Acadia, and to Brigadoon, Apple

Tree Landing and the Kids Action Program. They also have generously donated to the ‘Food for Thought’ school programs.

Nova Agri Group of Companies provides employment, produce, support and fun for the people of the Annapolis Valley, visitors and Centreville residents. So, as you complain about the cold and snow, think of sweet blueberries, fresh produce, picking berries on family outings, blue-stained tongues and feasting on the delicious delights at Between the Bushes. And, if you get the chance, walk through the blueberry fields during blossom time and sit and sip a tea on the patio as you delight in the natural beauty of the area

Blueberries taste great fresh or frozen and eaten like little popsicles. Nutritionists say that blueberries and raspberries are high in anti-oxidants that fight against cancer-causing free radicals, lowering the risk of cancer and cardiovascular disorders, and are said to reduce the effects of aging and improve vision. Enjoy!

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This December we also have a few holiday specials on:

1. First 100 customers to purchase a product (not a service) will receive a \$5.00-off coupon to use towards their next purchase.
2. Those of you who book your pet in for a December groom receive a \$3.00-off coupon towards your January or February groom.
3. Customer Appreciation Fish Bowl – Drop your business card in the bowl and at the end of every month we'll draw a name for a free bath and blowout.

Reminder: This cold weather makes for shorter trips outside and means more time spent inside cozying up to

the ol' heater. This time of year we see a lot of dogs with dry skin and flat coats. This is a result of hot dry air, so be sure to have your beloved cat or dog brought in for regular de-shedding and moisturizing baths.

Happy Pawidays and All the Best in the New Year

Thank you to all of you who have supported us over the years - we appreciate your continued business!

FYI: \$5.00 Nail Friday (8am-3pm) is MOVING to Tuesdays (9am-7pm) beginning January 2013 so that we are able to accommodate evening clients.

The New Year's Eve party had turned into a regular marathon with numerous guests coming and going.

At one point, a man knocked on the door, was greeted heartily although no one knew who he was, and was led to the bar in the basement.

He sat there happily for a couple of hours before a strange light dawned on his face. "You know," he confided to his host, "I wasn't even invited to this party. I just came over to tell you that some of your guests' cars are blocking my driveway."

The guest continued, "My wife's been sitting out in the car waiting for me to get them moved."

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Operation Husky 2013: The Canadian Citizens' Campaign in Sicily

by Gren Jones

In early July 1943, a massive invasion consisting of Canadian, British and American troops invaded Sicily. This was the first time that a battle force attempted the invasion of Hitler's Europe. There were commando attacks on seaports such as Dieppe and Saint-Nazaire in France, as the Allies tested the Wall of the Atlantic. With Operation Husky, the objective was to remove a million German troops from Italy and force the demoralized Italian Army to capitulate.



The Canadian First Infantry Division and 1st Canadian Army Tank Brigade were among the 26,000 men who landed in south eastern Sicily on "Roger Beach" near the town of Pachino. During the next few weeks of fierce fighting against a highly trained enemy, 562 men lost their lives. Nearly 2,000 were wounded or taken prisoner.

The province of Nova Scotia was well represented in this major task. The West Nova Scotia Regiment landed in heavy seas and sweltering temperatures. They fought bravely and their efforts shall not be forgotten.

On July 5, 2013, a group of members of the WNS Regiment Memory Club and friends will be heading for Sicily! Over the course of two weeks we will follow the route that those valiant men, who fought for freedom, took 70 years ago. The tour will take in some of the official ceremonies that are scheduled to take place daily along the route.

In addition, several commonwealth cemeteries will be visited, and it is with this in mind that I am inviting anyone who has a friend or relative buried at Agira, Enna or elsewhere in southern Italy to contact me. It is our intent to pay respects and say the Act of Remembrance at the tombs of fallen soldiers along the way. Photos will be taken and shared with the families. We will make a concerted effort to find as many of the WNS Regiment's fallen as possible.

Many will also remember how valiantly Canadians fought at Ortona at Christmas in 1943. The WNSR was there and paid a heavy price. This tour will continue up the Boot of Italy en route to Rome, our final destination. Ortona is considered by many as the most difficult battle in their mission.

If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact me ASAP!

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Why did the gingerbread man go to the doctor?

Because he was feeling crummy!

Story from the Family Farm

by Mack Frail



The passing of Elsie Kinsman on October 2, 2012, has left Centreville with the loss of another one of its longtime residents. Elsie Marguerite Nauss was born and grew up in Chester, Lunenburg County, the daughter of Everett and Blanche (Schnare) Nauss. She came to Centreville in 1936 to fill a position as a housekeeper for the Cad and Mary (Morton) Roscoe family. Elsie married Amos Barclay Kinsman, known as 'Bart'. Elsie and Bart moved into a house built of logs, which was located north of the Charlie Macdonald Concrete House Museum. The log house was on property that belonged to Roscoe and Margaret Fillmore. For many years Bart was an employee of Roscoe Fillmore, who began a nursery business that was extended to become a partnership with his son Frank. In 1940 Bart joined the Canadian Army and was sent overseas to serve his country during WWII.

Elsie was busy at home with their three children. When Bart returned home after the war, two more children were born. Elsie was a good homemaker, and she made a lot of improvements to their home on Saxon Street during the time that Bart was overseas. He predeceased his wife by 37 years. Bart was born in the Kinsman family farmhouse on Highway 221 East in 1904, the son of Robert and Ada (Burgess) Kinsman.

The Kinsman families that settled in Centreville are descendants of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Perkins) Kinsman. They were among the first Planter settlers to arrive in 1760 from Massachusetts to lay claim to thousands of acres of Cornwallis Township property. The Benjamin Kinsman land extended from Deep Hollow Mountain (which is now called Glenmont) to Kinsman Corner in Woodville. A large part of the Centreville area was included within the Kinsman land. Two of Benjamin and Elizabeth's five sons, Robert and Nathaniel, acquired land in Centreville that was a part of their father's property.

Robert Kinsman owned land in Centreville and in Canard, where he was one of the first New England Planter settlers. Amos, the son of Robert and Jerusha (Bill) Kinsman, settled on the farm below the first hill on Highway 221 East. The Kinsman farm was transferred from father to son, beginning from Benjamin to Robert to Amos - who was the first to settle on the 275 acres of land and begin farming operations. The original Amos and Abigail (Chase) Kinsman house was north of the present house that stands at the end of the long lane, which their firstborn son Joseph had built in 1853.

The original Nathaniel Kinsman farmhouse is located below the first hill on 221 West. Built before 1790, it is the oldest house in Centreville. Nathaniel married Sarah Cogswell on May 2, 1768, and they had at least eight children. The last generation of Nathaniel Kinsman's descendants to live on their remaining 250 acres were two sisters and a brother who never married; they passed away in the early 1970s. Some of the descendants of the Kinsman families who were born and grew up in Centreville and nearby communities have achieved prominence in Canada and the United States. They are included with other early prominent Centreville families such as Masters, Roscoe, Coldwell, Porter, Woodworth, North, Thorpe, Eaton, Manson and Bowles. With limited space I can only share with you a very small quantity of information that I have on the Kinsman families of Centreville.

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My wife Sheila has suggested to me that my December story submission to the *Centre Post* should contain descriptions of Christmas when I was growing up in Centreville. I have previously written about going to Kentville on the train to do our Christmas shopping. The train that served the communities along its route between Kentville and Kingsport was known as the 'Blueberry Special'. I have mentioned the crowds of people on the train and the busy Kentville stores that were decorated for the Christmas season.

During those early years, the store that began as the 'Ruben Thorpe General Store' on Centreville corner was decorated and very busy during the Christmas season. The old general store has recently closed after 138 years of continuous service to Centreville and the outlying communities. I have mentioned that usually on Christmas, with weather permitting, we would join groups of people skating on the 'lily pond' ice.

Local farmers who owned large wood lots did not object to their neighbours' going on their property and cutting their Christmas trees. This could especially apply to the Kinsman families, with their large farms and wood lots. From an early age I went with my siblings to help choose a Christmas tree. With so many trees in the forest to choose from, and after many years of being overly particular about choosing a tree, I began to realize that a perfect Christmas tree could be very difficult to find. Going to the forest for our Christmas tree was one of the special enjoyments of the Christmas season.

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Peace on Earth... Goodwill to All

By Pauline Raven, Councillor, Kings County, District 3

I love this time of year. It reminds me of how good we can be to each other. It is a time to marvel at everything that sparkles and twinkles: the simple beauty of frost on morning trees; the homes and gardens of our

neighbourhoods so lovingly strung with many twinkling lights; our human spirit that burns ever bright for peace, love and understanding. Decorated trees shine through windows. Preparations are made for special celebrations. It truly is the season to be joyful and thankful.

The glory of the season is that we willingly set aside days to be together in the spirit of goodwill to all. For one season at least we are of one mind. We seek to keep the faith with the millions who fought and died in two World Wars. Their vision is our vision still: the best gift we can give, or receive, is peace and understanding. And so, in this place we call home, we jealously guard our freedom to mark and honour this special season in our own time and in our own way. Our December celebrations can honour Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah or the simple joys of time spent with family and friends. Togetherness will always be the best gift of all.

The generous spirit of Centreville and area makes me absolutely confident that those whose individual circumstances make holiday seasons a sad or difficult occasion will be cared for. The opportunities in our communities to give time and gifts to others are many. May each of us find our own way to be as generous as possible.

After December, my first full year of working on your behalf at council begins. The new council brings to Kings County the ability to make a fresh start on a number of files. This year will be a time when important decisions will be made.

In 2012 the Kings 2050 study asked hundreds of residents and scores of community groups what they wanted Kings County to be forty years from now. Brilliant and thoughtful ideas came forward. But in my opinion, this work will only

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Three Part Plan Guides Government

By Jim Morton, MLA Kings North

I'm writing this after a day in the Legislature in late November, sending you a wish for all the joys of Christmas, knowing that as you read these words you're already focused on the demands of a new year.

Today in Halifax eight bills moved through the House of Assembly. A fur industry bill lays out new standards for mink farming. Another bill provides important clarification on the role of school board members, while the third supports inter-community bus service. Two other acts improve the delivery and administration of health service. In the Law Amendments Committee I moved that a significant bill allowing for the importation of wine for personal use be returned to the Assembly for final reading and supported the progress of other bills related to a green economy and the protection of transgendered persons.

The business of government is like that, touching on everything from home care to forestry, from municipal relations to liquor control. But behind the detail is a plan that will guide our government into 2013.

First, we're committed to clearing up the financial mess the last government left behind. With a provincial debt of \$13 billion, and interest payments of almost \$900 million, it's a critical goal. We intend to balance the provincial budget through living within our means and we're making very good progress.

Second, our government is laying the foundation for economic growth that will entice skilled workers back to Nova Scotia and allow our young people to build futures here at home. Large projects like Irving shipbuilding and bringing hydroelectricity from Muskrat Falls are part of that plan, but so are smaller investments in businesses like

local software company, Livelenz, and the new Eden Valley chicken plant in Berwick. We know that our economic future depends upon learning, building confidence, becoming more innovative and productive, and on being able to compete around the world.

A strong economy is important because it supports health, education, social, and other services, like roads, courts and human rights. Enhancing those services is the third part of our plan. Let me share just a few examples. Collaborative Emergency Centres are bringing reliable health care to small rural communities. Dialysis services will be expanded at Valley Regional Hospital, and Annapolis Valley Health has launched an innovative opiate treatment program. Since 2009 the provincial government has invested \$300 million to support Nova Scotians with low incomes through increased assistance rates and affordability and poverty tax credits, to name just a few examples. Today no senior who receives the Guaranteed Income Supplement pays provincial income taxes and the minimum wage has been raised to \$10.15 and pegged to the cost of living. College and university student debt is capped, tuition has been held to just below the national average, and students have better access to provincial loans and bursaries. We have a wonderfully renovated Aldershot Elementary School and, although there has been a lot of talk about money, educational funding per student in Nova Scotia is higher than at any time in our history.

Our government's resolution is to live within our means, to grow the economy and to deliver better, more collaborative and financially-sound health, social and educational services. You are a critical part of that plan and in the early days of 2013 let me end this message with my best wishes for happiness and prosperity.

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Chocolate Peanut Butter Pieces

Ingredients:

3 cups milk chocolate, finely chopped
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5 tbsp powdered sugar, sifted
1 cup salted peanuts, whole and halves

Yield: About 2 pounds

Directions:

1. Line a 9-by-13-inch pan with foil
2. In a double boiler, melt the chocolate over hot, not simmering, water. Stir until smooth
3. Place the peanut butter in a small bowl. Gradually beat in the sugar.
4. Add the peanut butter mixture to the chocolate and stir* until blended. Set aside to cool slightly.
5. Stir in 3/4 cup of the peanuts and spread the mixture in the foil-lined pan. Smooth the top, then sprinkle the remaining 1/4 cup peanuts over the top, pressing lightly into the candy. Chill until firm, then cut into pieces.

* Use a wooden spoon to stir the peanut butter mixture into the melted chocolate.



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be worth its salt if it leads to decisive actions to improve life in the here and now. That's what I will be working very hard toward in 2013.

I will benefit from your continued support and input as Kings County and its municipal partners move towards the greater collaboration and cooperation that is being called for. Please keep in touch. Make your needs known. Provide me with your perspectives. Several heads are always better than one, so let's keep the dialogue going. Here's how:

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By visiting/subscribing to our blogspot at
www.kingscountydistrict3.blogspot.ca

I would also be very happy to visit you at your home or to meet you at a place of your choice for a cup of tea.

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Orchard Valley United Church

invites you to our Advent and Christmas Services of Worship at 440 Main St., our Kentville site. Service dates and times are as follows:

Dec. 2 - 9:15 & 11 am, 7 pm Taize.
Dec. 9 - 9:15 & 11 am, 7 pm Contemplative.
Dec. 23 - 9:15 & 11 am,
Christmas Eve 5 & 7 pm, 11 pm at
Covenanter, Grand Pre site.
Dec. 30 - 9:15 & 11 am

In the works at Centreville Baptist Church

In September, our congregation welcomed a new associate pastor for children and youth, Patrick Brightman and his wife Kim. They are happy to call Centreville home after moving here from Ontario. Patrick can be reached at 365-3535.

In 2006, when we built the addition on our church, we built the shell of what is to become a multi-purpose room located at the back of the building. We are happy to report that we are now planning its completion. We hope that work will get underway in the winter, finishing a gymnasium and a room specifically dedicated to youth activities. We are excited at this prospect and believe that a proper recreation facility will be of great benefit to our community. Stay tuned for more details in a future edition!

What does the month of December have
that no other month has?

The letter D.

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The Centreville '50'-Plus Association 'Friends Enjoying Friends'

by Darrell Spurr

The Centreville "50" Plus group meets Wednesdays from 1:30-4:00 pm at the Centreville Hall. Seniors (all ages) from Centreville and surrounding areas gather to enjoy card and board games and camaraderie. Lunch and refreshments are provided each week. On the third Wednesday of the month a birthday cake is supplied and the birthdays for that month are celebrated. Special occasions are celebrated with costumes, prizes and music. Our Christmas Social will be held on December 19th. Monetary and grocery donations will be collected for the Food Bank, Canning. We will be taking a break over the holidays - our first session in the new year will be January 9, 2013. Come and join us.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone from Centreville "50" Plus.



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Good Neighbour Club News

by Susan Wood



The Good Neighbour Club has been busy, with a super-large crowd at the November breakfast – 6:50 am right through to 10:20 am. There will be no breakfast in December, as everyone is busy and the GNC has two events to cater. As you may have noticed, the hall is decorated for the season with Christmas trees inside and out. Our closing for the holidays will be December 6th, and we'll start up again in the new year. There will be a breakfast on January 19, 2013, so everyone will be back and ready for spring - all hoping to be able to use our new dishwasher by then. The new addition is coming along, and every time we visit there is something new to see.

Wishing everyone a happy holiday from the Good Neighbour Club.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR CLUB'S BIG BREAKFAST is held at the Centreville Hall on the third Saturday of the month, 7:00-10:30 a.m., except in July, August, and December. Choices include eggs, bacon, sausages, baked beans, hash browns, toast, tea, coffee, and juice.

Free-will Offering

Next breakfast is on January 19, 2013



Park Association News

by Betty Harper

Activity has pretty much come to a halt at the park for the winter. We welcome all dog walkers and walkers to enjoy our lovely park. Please remember to pick up after yourselves and your pets - no one enjoys stepping in something that should have been looked after.

The Park Committee is working on a presentation for an Area Rate for 2013. We hope the citizens of Centreville will support us once again as we work towards keeping the park a beautiful, fun and safe place for all to enjoy. Look for notices in February for the public meeting and/or come to our January 16, 2013 meeting as we prepare our presentation and budget.

Some of the things we have done with the Area Rate we received this year are: new lighting in the building, painting the washrooms, upgrading of the soccer field parking lot, scraping of the road into the main entrance, a better path from the soccer parking lot to the ball field, liming of all the fields, and a new roof on the building (part was done in November, the larger part will be done in the spring).

The Park Association is in desperate need of new faces (bodies): with the resignation of a few of our long-serving directors/executive and/or members we need **YOU**. We have a good core group of volunteers who are very hard working, but they need more help. Please come to one of our meetings, the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Hall, or contact one of our directors to talk about joining us.

Please remember to drop your bottles off at New Minas Recycling in the Park's name or call Betty Harper at 678-0041 to make arrangements for someone to pick them up.

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Centreville Hall Update

by Budd Murphy

Good progress is being made on the kitchen facility expansion to our hall. As of this writing, the expansion is weather-tight, well insulated, and the gyprock and floor covering are installed. Much of the electrical is completed, and cupboards, dishwasher and finish are all partially installed. It appears as though we will have a fully functioning kitchen expansion by the New Year.

On that note, all the best of the season.

What is the popular name of a snowman in summer?
A puddle.

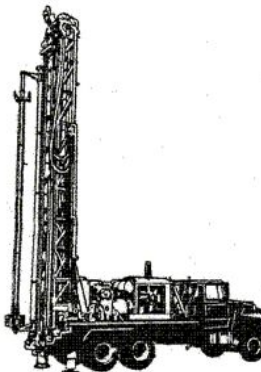
Fuel Supper Report

by Mary Ellen MacDuff

Even though there was some confusion about what people were coming to eat, we had a very successful "Fuel Supper" on October 27, 2012. As one person put it, "We were able to turn turkey into roast beef as water can be turned into wine."

The Hall Association and Good Neighbour Club wish to extend a sincere thank you to all who attended our supper, those who made donations, and those faithful volunteers. We are fortunate to live in a community that is so willing to come together for the continued success of our community hall.

Hope to see all of you again next year!



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December at the Charles Macdonald Concrete House where the deer are all nestled, each snug in their wrap and all settled down for their long winter nap.



Approximately one hundred people – young in years or young at heart – attended the sixth annual Christmas tree lighting December 3, 2012. Caleb Saunders did a terrific job lighting the tree. This was followed by a carol sing led by Marc Potvin, and then refreshments served in the hall. Thank you to Ken Morse for donating the beautiful tree, and to those who organized the event.



Why is it that when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the volume on the radio?

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Recipes from Between the Bushes Restaurant



Submitted by Margie Brown
The Nova Agri Group of Companies

Jellied Blueberry Salad or Dessert

- 1 (14-ounce/398 ml) can crushed pineapple
- 2 (3-ounce/85 g) packages lemon-flavoured gelatin
- 1 cup (250 ml) boiling water
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup (175 ml) pineapple or orange juice (approximate)
- 2 cups (500 ml) fresh or frozen Country Magic blueberries (thaw and drain, if frozen)
- 1 (8-ounce/250 g) package cream cheese, softened
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup (50 ml) granulated sugar
- 1 cup (250 ml) drained yogurt **
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) vanilla
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup (125 ml) chopped pecans or walnuts

Drain crushed pineapple, reserving the juice; set aside.

In a medium bowl, dissolve gelatin in boiling water, stirring well.



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To the reserved pineapple juice, add enough extra liquid (pineapple juice, orange juice or cold water) to measure 1 cup (250 ml). Add to the gelatin mixture, stir well, and refrigerate for 20 minutes. Stir again, and return to refrigerator until mixture is almost set, another 20 or 25 minutes.

Add drained pineapple and blueberries, mix gently. Turn into a 12 x 8 inch (30 x 19 cm) baking dish and refrigerate until firm, about 45 to 50 minutes.

In mixer bowl, with mixer set at high speed, beat cream cheese and sugar until light and fluffy. Add drained yogurt** and vanilla; stir to combine. Spread evenly over firmed gelatin. Sprinkle with chopped nuts. Return to refrigerator for at least 1 hour, longer is better. Cut into squares to serve, either as a salad or dessert. Cover leftovers and refrigerate for up to 5 days.

Makes 12 servings.

**Note: To make drained yogurt, spoon plain yogurt into a sieve lined with a paper coffee filter. Place over a bowl, cover, and refrigerate overnight. Discard or reserve the resulting liquid for another use.

Why do you press harder on a remote control when you know the battery is dead?

In Our Community

'50-Plus' Fun Group

The '50 Plus' Fun Group meets at the Centreville Hall every Wednesday, 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm. New members are welcome.

Sheffield Mills & District Women's Institute - third Monday, 2 pm.

Pins and Needles



Anyone is welcome to join us at the Community Hall on Thursdays. Bring along a craft you are currently working on and a paper bag lunch, and stay for the day. Tea and coffee are available. We also get together once a month to work on 'comfort quilts': These are made with donated fabric and are sewn and tied, then given to organizations to provide comfort to those in need.

For further information call Ada MacDuff at 678-4483.

TOPS - Mondays 6:00 - 7:00 pm

TOPS meets at the Centreville Baptist Church, Murray Drive.

Weigh-in from 6:00 to 6:30 pm with a short meeting to follow.

We are open to new members at the cost of \$32.00 yearly, which includes a magazine from headquarters with "Eating Sensibly" ideas and recipes. You can drop by for one free night.

For more information contact Leader Esther Peterson at 538-9051 or Madeline Sheffield at 678-7584.

Centreville Baptist Church Murray Drive, Centreville:

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Centreville Park Association

The Centreville Park Association meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Centreville Hall. Anyone interested in becoming involved or wishing to share ideas or concerns is welcome to attend. Centreville community members are those who will make the park a success.

Next meeting - January 16, 2013.

Centreville District Community Development Association (CDCDA) Board of Directors' Meetings

Where: Centreville Hall

When: Fourth Thursday of the month

Time: 7:00 pm

Exceptions: July, August and September by notification

All meetings are open to the public — come out and support your community's development!

Next meeting: January 24, 2012

Good Neighbour Club

The Good Neighbour Club (GNC) meets at the Centreville Hall at 7:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays of the month (except June, July and August). All Centreville women are welcome to attend and join the Club.

Orchard Valley Pastoral Charge of the United Church of Canada

Worship Service and Sunday School at 9:00 am and 11:00 am
10:00 am coffee, cookies and conversation.
We are temporarily at the New Minas site, 130 Cornwallis Avenue.

Kentville site office: 678-4955
New Minas site messages: 681-0366
Upper Canard site messages: 582-7908
Wolfville site office: 542-3796

On the web ...

Pictures of Centreville District and Surrounding Area

Did you know that the Centreville website has an e-mail address where you can send pictures? If you have pictures you want to share with others, you can send them to :

centrevillepictures@centreville-kings-county.com

Pictures of interest could be historical, nature, business, or people - anything that you think others would be interested in seeing. Pictures received will be posted on the Centreville website:

www.centreville-kings-county.com



Centreville 'Events' Website

Do you have an up-coming event? Do you want it seen on the Centreville Website, www.centreville-kings-county.com? If so, send the information to:
events@centreville-kings-county.com

Annapolis Valley Events Calendar : Postings for music, film, theatrical, educational, and just plain entertaining events throughout the Valley, from Windsor to Annapolis Royal. **<http://valleyevents.ca/>**

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Acadia Lifelong Learning Centre (ALL)

The Acadia Lifelong Learning Centre (ALL) provides courses, seminars, outings and special events for those aged 50 and over, in literature, science, fine arts, writing, and more.

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To view courses offered through ALL, Acadia University calendars will be available at the Centreville Post Office or from our website: all.acadiau.ca

For more information or to register, call 585-1434 or 1-800-565-6568, or e-mail all@acadiau.ca

Battery Recycling in Centreville



Used batteries can be dropped off at the Centreville Community Hall on Thursdays, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, as well as at the monthly Big Breakfast, except in July and August.

All batteries can be turned in **except** car batteries.