

PHOTO FEATURE Masstown Market Seafood Festival

(Harrington Photos)



Catch of the Bay Fish Market Manager Mike DeSaulniers seemed to have quite a talent for oyster shucking during the annual Seafood Festival held on July 21st and 22nd.



Jim Alyward and friends kept things hopping dockside during the Seafood Festival at the Masstown Market.



Marie McElhinney and Dell Spencer were enjoying their had-dock dinner in the sunshine on the dock while listening to Seafood Festival entertainment.

8th Annual Wild Blueberry Harvest Festival AUGUST 17 TO SEPTEMBER 1

By Devin Trefry

The Wild Blueberry is Nova Scotia's Provincial berry, it is believed to contain more anti-oxidants than any other fruit or vegetable and Nova Scotia processes more wild blueberries than anywhere else in the world. So it is safe to say that wild blueberries are a pretty big deal here in Nova Scotia!

From Amherst to Truro, Parrsboro to Tatamagouche, communities throughout Central Nova Scotia will celebrate the Wild Blueberry Harvest Festival from August 17th, 2012 - September 1st, 2012.

This year, over 25 communities will host an array of events in celebration of the wild blueberry. The festival kicks-off on August 17th from 6:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at Truro's Wild Blueberry Jam on the rooftop of the Marigold Centre, with a free outdoor concert featuring Blueberry Grunt. The kickoff will include the ever-popular celebrity pie-eating contest, Moe's Paws for Fun dog agility demo, BBQ, wild blueberry desserts, fresh berries for sale, a bouncy house, prize draw for two \$250 Downtown Truro shopping sprees and more!

Also at the kick-off learn about all of the scrumptious wild blueberry events happening throughout the festival including community picnics, dinners, teas, breakfasts, dessert parties, farmers markets, live concerts, u-picks, quilt show, wild blueberry raking and pie eating contests, processing tours and more!

And don't miss out on the Taste of the Festival! Enjoy amazing wild blueberry menu items at participating restaurants throughout the region. A list of restaurants and a complete list of events can be found at www.wildblueberryfest.com.

See the complete schedule of events in the Shoreline, page 27.



Onslow Belmont Notes

By Debbie Weatherby

Not sure about a lot of you but the sun is a killer. Over the years the intensity with which it beams down is unreal. Have not been able to sit out in quite a few years as even just 5 minutes of the sun breaks me out like you wouldn't believe!!

Have been seeing lots of deer lately in one of the fields, not sure what they have planted but they just love it.

Our community seems to be not known by people as a doctor asked us the other day where it was. We had mentioned a ball tournament had been held over the week end and he said where is Belmont? For a community that some people don't seem to know where we are our spirit is sure alive when it comes to caring about someone. They managed to raise over \$2,800.00 and still counting for Christopher who has been battling cancer and is now cancer free. Way to go Belmont and a very special thanks to all those who donated and especially to those who organized, ran things, cleaned up and did the running. Hats off to all of you.

Saw a young deer in back of the hospital the other day as well, she was just standing there eating and not a bit scared, watched her for a few minutes and she just continued eating and looking

around. My husband informed me I have seen more rabbits in one week then he has seen in a few months. I see all kinds of things on my route and am always looking around to see what wild life I can see. It is amazing to see how fast things change during the seasons.

Services are held every Sunday at the Trinity United Church in Onslow at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School at the same time. Trinity is at the corner of Meeting House Road and Onslow Road. All are welcome at any of the services. The Lower Onslow Community Centre will be holding Children's Yoga classes during the month of August. Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00-11:00 a.m. and will start August 7th and finish August 30th. the cost for the eight sessions is \$64.00. Please register by email at loweronslowcommunitycentre@gmail.com

Belmont Baptist church services are held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Prayer meeting is held Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Civic Holiday coming up soon, then Labor Day and then once again school starts. Holy cow, where has the summer gone. The days just fly by. Enjoy your summer and watch out for the kiddies as they play. Take care.

Patter from Preschool at Lower Onslow Preschool

By Joann Michelin

Well, another year has ended and we had to say farewell to many of our friends. They are going on a new adventure to big school in the fall. We will miss them and their families, but they will have wonderful experiences, we are sure.

We had an activity packed year again. Our registration was full and our children were active. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents who supported us, to the Masstown Market for being our friend and letting us visit, the Onslow Belmont Fire hall for our visits there

and when they came to visit us and the Onslow Community Center, for without them we would not have a home. In our case, the adage, "It takes a village to raise a child is very true".

We are having some reconstruction done over the summer and the teachers are so excited for the improvements.

We start up again on Sept. 4 and still have spaces available. We are offering an afternoon program on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 12:30-3:00. Anyone interested in joining our Preschool family can call 662-4075 for more information.

Heritage Day in Bass River August 4th

By Tracy Elsom

Bass River Heritage Society invites you to experience its annual Heritage Day which is being held on Saturday August 4th from 10 am to 3 pm at the Bass River Museum on Highway #2

As well as exhibits of local interest inside the Museum there will be a number of other activities being held on the day including: Antique engines display by the Nova

Scotia Antique Engines and Tractors Association; Fundy Shore Auto Club; Crosscut saw competition; Kettle boil competition; Blacksmith display; Wooden boat race; Chinese auction and 50/50 draw; Bake sale and cake auction and Barbecue

Why not pay us a visit and enjoy a fun day out for all the family.

Tracy Elsom is Secretary, Bass River Heritage Society

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