

Building our “Buy Local First” Campaign: “Country Market” and Upriver Business Directory

Tuesday January 25th - 7:00 pm
Bass River Hall

On December 7th, residents from Harcourt and Weldford parishes gathered together to discuss how best to promote and grow our local economy. After almost two hours of up-beat discussion, it was decided to establish two smaller working groups as described below. The next community meeting will take place on January 25th at 7:00pm at the Bass River Hall.

The Country Market working group will flesh out the idea of establishing a market that *could* offer produce, baked goods, crafts, collectibles, prepared food, and much more. This working group will also consider possible locations for the market. We want to come up with an idea that we are confident will benefit local producers and providers in the Upriver area. If you are interested in getting involved with this group discussion before the January 25th meeting, email or call Tina Beers at 785-4348, or Rachel James at 785-6685.

A second working group will discuss how to develop a map and directory of Upriver businesses, producers, and entrepreneurs both inside the area and also in the surrounding region. This group is beginning with an inventory of “who does what” in the Upriver area. Below is a tear-off sheet that you can complete and put in the Upriver Newsletter box at Harry’s Variety in Harcourt or Thompson’s General Store in Bass River. With the info you provide we will start assembling a catalogue of what is available – in a map, a directory, and online at www.upriver-news.ca. If you want to join this group discussion before the January 25th meeting, email or call Tina Beers at 785-4348, or Ann Pohl at 785-2998.

Name of Enterprise: _____

Name/s of Contact People: _____

Contact Information for Upriver Map, Print Directory, and Online Listing:

Main Phone #: _____ Other Phones: _____

Civic Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email/Website or link: _____

Office/ Store hours: _____

Short Description of What You Offer for Sale or Trade: _____

Hope to see many new and old neighbours at the meeting on January 25th!

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UPRIVER NEWSLETTER

UPRIVER “BUY LOCAL FIRST”

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2011

On December 7, 2010 residents of the Weldford and Harcourt Parishes attended an Upriver public meeting at the Bass River Hall to begin community discussions on how to support our local economy and “**Buy Local First**”. Residents who attended want to see a market develop in this area to promote local farmers, businesses, services, bakers and artisans. Those in attendance also stated a need for a directory and map highlighting businesses and services in the Upriver area. This would give local residents, cottagers and tourists better access to what is here.

Some things said at the meeting:

- It is important to create sustainable living for ourselves.
- Number one objective: “Feed Ourselves”
- Use the Services in Our Area
- Urban areas NEED Rural areas

Suggested ideas to build on:

- Sell local products in local stores i.e. Hope Farm and Phillip Donaher’s beef.
- Combine all farmers and make a collective “locally produced” food box
- Victory Baptist Church community garden on Rte. 116.
- Seek out and encourage each other’s gifts, skills and talents.
- Map of services and businesses in area.
- Repurposing an unused building for the farmers market.
- Community supported Agriculture (CSA’s)
- Upriver community controlling own energy sources
- Expand newsletter and find resources to support it.
- When planning events, suppers, etc. use locally produced food and products
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- Learn AS A COMMUNITY how to purchase local food and services by incorporating information and local content (food, services, ideas) into activities taking place within communities i.e. Spring, Summer, Fall Harvest, Winter.
- Make it easy to access local goods!
- Let it become the ‘theme’ for Upriver.
- Trade Show in the Upriver area to showcase what’s here.

If you see something that interests you and would like more information or if you would like to share your own ideas please contact me, Tina Beers 785-4348 or tina.beers@upriver-news.com or attend our next Upriver “Buy Local First” meeting on Tuesday, January 25th, 2011 at 7:00pm.

Promoting our Community

Residents at the meeting stated a need to create an identity for the Upriver “Buy Local First” movement. In addition to the slogans suggested in the December newsletter: “**Try Local First – Upriver community thanks you!**”, “**Rural Rules**”, “**Really Rural**”, “**Buy Rural – one neighbour to another**”, “**Rural, Really!**”, “**Reaching Rural**”, “**Buy Local First- It’s Best!**” which folks can still opt for, you may suggest some new ones online at www.upriver-news.ca.

UPRIVER WEBSITE - www.upriver-news.ca

New Brunswick used to thrive because of local sourcing and in order to thrive again it is important that we concentrate on communication with the people of this area, and beyond, through “**word of mouth**”, the **Upriver Newsletter** and **Upriver website**.

- The newsletter could compliment website by referring to more information on the website
- Each business in the community could have its own page on the website, space is limitless

- Report on daily occurrences in the community, ie. events, cancellations, etc
- Present an opportunity for people to investigate their family histories
- Promote social support

Please help! We need people to input information on website! If you or anybody you know would like to help please contact Tina 785-4348 tina.beers@upriver-news.ca or Armin www.upriver-news.ca. It's easy to do from your own computer and no special courses are required.

UPRIVER CELEBRATIONS

Warren & Flora Beers of Beersville celebrated their 75th Wedding Anniversary on November 20th, 2010. An open house was held at their home with many family, friends and neighbours



braving the snowy weather to come and wish them well. Warren & Flora have one daughter, Donna Wellwood

(Norman), one granddaughter Tina Brown (Brent), and three great grandchildren: Chloe, Holden and Bailey Brown.



UPRIVER SOCIAL EVENTS

Harcourt Legion-New Year's Eve Dance

Friday, December 31, 2010. 9:00pm-1:00pm with DJ Susie Leblanc. \$15 per person/19 years and over Buffet Meal. Contact: Louise 785-2912, Doris 785-6665, or Beatrice 775-6727 for tickets. Sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary Branch #75

The Greenwood Lodge-"Mid-Winter Breakfast"

Saturday, January 22, 2011 from 8:00am to 10:00am Donation only.

The Greenwood Lodge and Sandpiper Productions East present Matt Minglewood "Songs and Stories" on Friday, February 11, 2011 at 7pm with special guest **Roy Gould**. Tickets \$25. For ticket information contact 785-6652, 854-5849 or

Greenwood_lodge@hotmail.com

There are only 100 seats available. The show sold out within two weeks last year so purchase your tickets as soon as possible. Please note that members have priority on ticket purchases.

UPRIVER LITERACY

Richibucto Public Library

The Richibucto public library is rolling out a new schedule of children's activities for the New Year! Come to the library and pick up a copy of our calendar for your family. We will be holding children's story time and crafts Thursday the 20th from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. and each Saturday from 10:15 to 11:15. No registration is required. The staff at the Richibucto public library would also like to remind everyone that we offer a variety of resources to the public, including computer time at our two public computer terminals. The library would also like to invite everyone to our *Family Literacy Day* activities on *January 27th* and on *January 29th*. Fun for the whole family! Please contact the library for more details. 523-7851 Submitted by Laura Myers MLIS

Bookmobile Southeast Schedule

Friday: January 14, 2011

Acadieville - 10:00 - 10:30

Acadieville Church - 4049 Route 480

Saint Ignace - 11:00 - 11:45

St. Ignace Church-1923 Chemin St. Ignace

West Branch - 1:00 - 1:30

Zion Church - 709 Zion Church Rd

Bass River - 2:00 - 2:30

Thompsons General Store - 7829 Route 116

Harcourt - 2:45 - 3:15

Post Office - 7997 Route 116

For information call 506-453-5380 or

bookmobile.couttheast@gnb.ca

Please note: All times are approximate and may vary by 10-15 minutes due to road or weather conditions and response at previous stop.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Thank You! For Making the Greenwood Lodge's 4th Annual Art, Craft and Music Fair a Success

The Greenwood Lodge would like to thank everyone who participated in the 4th Annual Art, Craft and Music Fair which was held on Saturday, November 13. We would especially like to thank Dr. R.A. Lautenschlager, Wayne Harper and Roy Gould for providing the music. We would also like to express our

thanks to Harris Sullivan for his poetry performance and hope to see these excellent performers again at the Lodge. Thank you to the 29 artists and crafters who presented their fine work. It was the biggest show so far. Thank you to everyone who attended, bought products, stayed for the entertainment and generally made this year's event a success. We can't do it without you! Thanks to all the volunteers who make it happen, both at the event and to those who do all the work behind the scenes. Great job! The winners of the draws were: Marylee MacLaggan, winner of the 50/50 draw which was \$394; Ruth Lawson, winner of the Door Prize; Kelly Elliot, winner of the Crafter's Prize; and Donna Wellwood, winner of the Avon Basket. Congratulations to the winners! Thank you all for your support. See you next year!

The Royal Canadian Legion

Branch #75 wishes to thank the many craftspeople and bakers who participated in the **2nd Annual Harcourt Legion Craft and Bake Sale**. It is because of you that the sale celebrated another successful year. Thanks to all who attended this year's event and a big thank you to the volunteers who helped make the day a success!

Members of the Harcourt Fire Department, on behalf of local residents, wish to thank Jean-Marie Allain for donating his time and equipment to install the supports for the new flag poles at the Fire Hall and also for removing the posts and grading around the former rink area. *Merci beaucoup et Bonne et heureuse année.*

Remembrance Day 2010- Standing left to right:



Dean Scott, President Branch #75, Maj. Robin Orfankos, Capt Barry O'Donnell, Beatrice LeBlanc, L.A. President Branch #75, Sheila Handrahan, Poppy Chair Branch #75, WO Terry Wood, MCpl Luc Daigle, Shawn Graham MLA for Kent and MWO John Beers. Seated in the front row left to right: Vern Ward, Stephen Hutchison and Everett Petley, all veterans of WWII. Percy Beers also a WWII Veteran and who will be celebrating his 100th birthday on January 23rd 2011, was not in attendance as he was in the hospital on November 11th.

The Royal Canadian Legion Harcourt Branch #75 held their Remembrance Day Service, with over two hundred in attendance. We were delighted, for the second year in a row, to have members from the Canadian Forces attend our ceremonies; each member escorted family members as they laid a wreath at the Memorial monument in memory of a loved one. Thank you to MWO John Beers for arranging to have the Canadian Forces members attend our service. Following the service, a lunch was served by the Ladies Auxiliary Branch #75. **"We Will Remember Them"** Submitted by Beatrice LeBlanc LA President

UPRIVER OPPORTUNITIES

Skills Link

Under the Youth Employment Strategy program, the Skills Link program helps youth facing barriers to employment - such as single parents, Aboriginal youth, young persons with disabilities, recent immigrants, youth living in rural and remote areas and high school dropouts - obtain the knowledge and develop the broad range of skills and work experience they need to participate in the job market.

For more information on the link is:

http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/funding_programs/yes/skills_link/index.shtml or contact your local [Service Canada Centre](#)

Skating Rink

Lorraine Scott would like to see a rink in Harcourt again. She says the surface from the previous rink is still good and would like others from the area to contact her if they are also interested in "bringing back the rink"! Want to help?

Call Lorraine at 785-2255.

UPRIVER SOCIAL EVENTS

Men's Breakfast-Grangeville Baptist Church

115 Grangeville Rd. Harcourt, NB
Second Saturday of the month, October - June 8:30 am
Men gather together for breakfast, music, and a time of sharing. All men welcome, bring a friend.

Grangeville Cafe

Grangeville Baptist Church
115 Grangeville Rd. Harcourt, NB
Third Friday of every month all year round.
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm . An informal relaxed evening of fun and fellowship. Everyone welcome. If you want to participate in the music, bring your instruments or singing voice, or you can bring along a game and just enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation.