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Historic Harvey Hall To Be Restored

Shared community spaces are integral to Albert County's charm

By Madeline Taylor

During a year where most have spent the majority of their time at home, one begins to consider what makes home really special. A favourite chair. A window with a view. A cozy wood stove.

What about when the definition of "home" goes beyond four walls? A place might come to mind. The place where you grew up or chose to build a life. A city. A small town. A collection of hamlets and villages. Maybe somewhere like Albert County.

What makes Albert County a special place to call home? For some, it could be the natural, rugged beauty. The rolling hills left over from days past when mountains towered over the eastern coast of our continent, or the tides that lend a constant rhythm to our days. Others might say it's the people that make Albert County so special. Friendly waves exchanged between drivers passing by. A shared meal between neighbours. True and genuine interest in the well-being of those who share your small corner of the world. A sense of community that is unrivaled and truly missed when finding yourself far from home.

It has always been about the people. Albert County has a rich history of industry and growth and many of its inhabitants



Image by Tracy Munson Photography

today have been a huge part of the stories, events and structures which make up that history. One of those structures is Harvey Hall, a stunning Queen Anne-style building with more than 130 years of events and stories. Harvey Hall has been an institution in the Albert County community for more than a century. Unfortunately, we are at risk of losing this important part of our collective history and, with it, the opportunity to continue fostering the magic that makes Albert County so special as well.

As a new generation of people discover what makes Albert County an incredible place to live, grow and build, community spaces become more important than ever. Places like Harvey Hall are spaces where

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Letters to the Editor

Hon. Mike Holland replies to a letter in the Feb. 2021 issue (ConnectingAlbertCounty.org/opinions-letters-and-reflections/open-letter-to-the-honourable-mike-holland).

It is with great pleasure that I submit some of my thoughts related to the protection of the Shepody Mountain region and how that relates to the overall work we are doing to double the conserved and protected areas of our beautiful province.

I very much appreciated the thoughts in a previous newsletter from Mr. Béland raising some questions about what protecting Shepody Mountain means to our county and indeed, the biodiversity and ecological sustainability of our entire province.

In his letter, Mr. Béland asks, "What does culture, recreation, and indigenous reconciliation have to do with conservation?" The answer is that these ideas are deeply woven into New Brunswick's Nature Legacy initiative. Connecting citizens with nature builds and strengthens society's appreciation of our forests and the wildlife species that inhabit them. In fact, I believe that our forests and natural areas are alive and teach us all something every time we venture throughout its hills, valleys and trails. Indigenous peoples in particular have a special connection with nature. I would say that our Indigenous populations are the original conservation advocates here in NB. I have very much enjoyed long conversations with elders regaling me about traditional practices and respect for our earth. Not just for today, but from generations gone by and ensuring that generations to come can experience that as well.

I can assure all that the community prepared and presented a proposal to protect Shepody Mountain in a package that was second to none. That, combined with industry communication to ensure collaboration, spoke to the fact that the homework was indeed done on this project before I ever set foot in a meeting about protecting a beautiful vista of Albert County.

Certainly, this is a small piece of land to conserve, but I am of the firm belief that every bit counts and I would not discard the value of this small part of New Brunswick's natural landscape. To further allay concerns, the adjacent landowners have very much been engaged in the process and will work to ensure this protected area (as with all throughout the province) can be enjoyed respectfully by the public.

The final designation of protection has not been completed at this point, however; the aim is to protect it from future industrial uses including forestry, mining, and wind development (for example). Shepody Mountain has a strong community connection as well and it is frequented by hunters, hikers, mountain bikers, and snowshoers to name a few activities enjoyed there now. The type of low-impact, nature-based recreation that occurs now is not contrary to conservation efforts.

I hope that offers some insights into the process of Shepody Mountain's place in the overall picture of New Brunswick's Nature Legacy Initiative. This initiative will see the protected areas in this province doubled. The activity and nominations have been incredible and the teams from my department have been identifying approximately 50,000 hectares per month! This has been the largest conservation initiative in the history of New Brunswick and we are well on the way to achieving the goal. Despite the many and frequent challenges we have faced over the last year, we WILL complete this goal and I am proud to say that the folks from Albert County will always be able to look to the gorgeous landscape of Shepody Mountain and say that we did it! We are responsible for protecting that land. It feels good to be a part of something so valiant in a time when so many things are uncertain. Doesn't it?

Mike Holland, MLA Albert

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The snow on the floor highlights the need to fix the leaky roof.
Photos on page 3 by Madeline Taylor.

history can be retold, knowledge can be shared and neighbours can become friends. Harvey Hall's history shows us that community connection has always been a priority in Albert County. That value must be protected.

Since 1884, the Hall has hosted parties, weddings, anniversaries, concerts and even impromptu grammar-school lessons. Generations of people have advocated for the Hall's care over the years: fundraising efforts for the design and build in the 19th century and countless volunteers who ensured Harvey Hall was filled with life since its doors opened. More

than a century of memory-making and community gathering lives within the walls of Harvey Hall, but, after all that time, it needs some care.

In traditional Albert County style, a group of people have come together to help find the

resources to save Harvey Hall, preserve its historical significance and give our community the gift of a welcoming space where we can gather, learn and create together for years to come. The committee's goal is to ensure Harvey Hall is safe to enjoy and updated to offer comforts that were not prioritized 130 years ago. Accessibility and updated bathrooms will be welcome additions to the charm of the historic building, along with structural repairs.

The roof of Harvey Hall has been damaged considerably over the years and leaks must be fixed immediately to ensure the interior of the Hall can be salvaged.

Community is strengthened when people have a place to nurture those relationships. Harvey Hall has been a central gathering place for the Albert County region and it's vital that this

space be preserved and improved upon to ensure Albert County continues to have a place where everyone is welcome and culture can be celebrated and shared.

The restoration of Harvey Hall is a community project. Many talented individuals have volunteered their time and expertise to this cause in hopes that their passion for the Hall's past and potential will inspire more to lend a helping hand. The board of directors is looking for people who can support in the following ways:

Building Committee: Individuals with experience working on or restoring historical buildings who are keen to see Harvey Hall flourish again.


Fundraising Committee: Individuals with strong community ties who are interested in outreach for the Hall.

Historical photos: Photographs or documents to allow us to learn more about the history of the Hall and the community of Harvey.

Donations: A GoFundMe page has been created to help raise the required funds to restore the Hall.

Online Community: Harvey Hall is online! Like, follow or share on our [Facebook page](#) or Instagram (@theharveyhall) to help us reach more people.

If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more about the Harvey Hall restoration project, please reach out to Melissa Richards at melissa.may.richards@gmail.com.



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Shepody Mountain Note from Connecting Albert County:
This letter discusses a sensitive issue; consequently, we have cut the names of individuals in the letter and blurred the faces in the picture. We have also informed all groups and individuals involved in the issue about the following letter and invited their response. The letter follows a comment at ConnectingAlbertCounty.org/environment/timber-harvest-on-shepody-mountain].

This is a follow-up to my comment on "Saving Shepody Mountain" and the few people who are pushing for it. The picture (above right) is of 18 people in the Moncton Outdoor Enthusiasts club trespassing on my property (and it wasn't the first time they were up there). In another picture [in the online letter], they are taking a photo shoot in front of my No Trespassing sign (while standing on red spruce seedlings I planted) which is several feet on my property (the property line is clearly visible).

The property is clearly posted according to DNR specs. I confronted their leader and told them to go back the way they came. (This is my investment and livelihood they are destroying.) This group (past, present, and future members) are legally forbidden from coming on my property. Now, as far as saving Shepody Mtn., I'm all for it. Protect it as Class 1 so only the animals can use it.

There are many, many walking trails around. Why build more trails with taxpayer dollars who don't have any say in what affects their future and investments? The other thing is who represented the woodlot owners on the little handpicked tour [mentioned in the article in the February issue] and who gave you permission to represent us? We weren't notified of the first meeting of landowners.

As far as my land is concerned, I preserve it as much as I can by keeping ATVs, hunters and hikers off it. I replant any areas that need cutting. Deer and moose, as well as other animals, need small-growth plants to eat. Mr. Holland is supposed to be for the landowners, but the ones who want to save the mountain for their "own place to go," to quote the writer, don't own woodlots or have already flattened theirs. Who is representing all woodlot owners?

To make a long story short, if all the people who think they have a right to my personal property: just as soon as they leave their personal property for the general public to use (ATVs, cars, property whatever the acres, etc., you get the point), I will be happy to open mine up. How come other people have cables and signs up on their properties? Since we are governed by SNB woodlot owners, was one of them a handpicked member on the tour? Make public all names who were on the tour. The public has a right to know.

Paul Fenton



Connecting Albert County received the list of participants at the three Shepody Mountain Management Block Meetings at the red spruce site, Old Cleveland Rd.

December 18, 2020. Present:

Local Residents: Deborah & Pat Carr (WEPAC), Phyllis & Kirk Sutherland (Tourism), Guy Russell (Woodlot owner), Dan Ellis (Bordering Landowner), Josh Thibodeau (Mountain Bike trail representative).

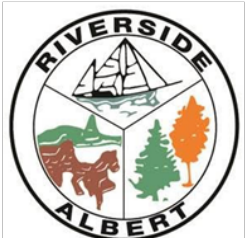
DNR: Chris Norfolk, Director of Forest Planning & Stewardship.

JDI: Jason Killam (Chief Forester), Ben Lane (Regional Forester), Reg Woods (Stakeholder Engagement).

January 8, 2021. Present: Deborah & Pat Carr, Phyllis & Kirk Sutherland, Guy Russell, Dan Ellis, Josh Thibodeau, Dwayne Simpkins (Certified Forest Technologist with SNB Wood Co-op), Ben Lane (Regional Forester JDI and Project Manager for this process).

February 5, 2021. Present: Pat & Deborah Carr, Phyllis & Kirk Sutherland, Guy Russell, Dan Ellis, Josh Thibodeau, Ben Lane (Regional Forester JDI, and Project Manager for this process), Mark Beaman (Contractor, Little League Logging, Ltd.).

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Salt Marsh Sequestration

Stephanie Wood's "Blue carbon" article in the Dec. 2020 issue of *Connecting Albert County* raised many questions for myself and other Albert County marshland owners. The article referred to research by Dr. Gail Chmura that asserted that significant amounts of carbon can be sequestered in the salt marshes of the Bay of Fundy. The article cited a 2009 report entitled "Blue Carbon: the Role of Healthy Oceans in Binding Carbon," which concludes that preserving and recovering the world's coastal ecosystems "could offset 3-7% of global fossil fuel emissions over the course of two decades."

In Albert County, carbon sequestration could be studied at three different locations: (1) Newfoundland marshes at Waterside, which lost their dike in 1950; (2) Daniels Flats marshes at Shepody, which have never been diked; and (3) Hillsborough marshes, which have been continuously diked for more than 300 years.

The intent of this letter is to place greater value on salt marshes. In the coming period of a warmer climate, the soil of our salt marshes could be farmed. The combination of an increase in annual degree days, the moderating effect of the cool waters of the Bay of Fundy, and our rich, heavy clay soils (which retain moisture) will make our marshlands more amenable to table crops. This will greatly expand and diversify our local farm economy and give sustenance to nearby cities and neighbourhoods.

Marshes, I admit have been a strong influence on my character and personality. I freely acknowledge my interest in maintaining the dikes, aboiteaux and draining systems. But my greater interest lies in extrapolating what planetary warming will do to our food supply. California, for example, will no longer be the food basket of North America. Its water issues are well known; its future is likely desertification.

Our salt marshes could be natural gardens for the masses. A good example of this phenomenon exists at Harper's U-Pick in Hillsborough with fruit bushes on a salt marsh.

In conclusion, to let dikes erode and lose marshland to a rising sea level will lead to a situation that is not reversible and further put our future food sources at risk. I write to promote dialogue. Strong opinions on various topics exist all over Albert County; some of these opinions require the cargobed of a ½-ton truck. I ask for opinions to be expressed and assessed in discussions on our plan for global warming and the resulting new economic situation.

Please carry these discussions forward to our MLA, to agronomists, farmers—in doing so, give support to local food producers. I wish to thank Stephanie Wood for this timely article and would ask that she forward this letter to her sources.

Brian Woodworth

From Stieffs to Obama *A reply to a comment at ConnectingAlbertCounty.org/culture--heritage/a-brief-history-of-the-steeves-family-name.*

Johannes (John) Stieff was my 5th great-grand-father, married [md.] to Anna Margaret Lutz. My tree runs: Thomas Steeves md. Judith Wilson; Margaret Steeves md. James Mooney; Wilson Marshall md. Laura Belle Mooney; Harry Stanley Dunham md. Idia Marshall; Gerald McIntyre Kirwin md. Myrtle B. Dunham; Helen T. Kirwin md. Leroy C. Campbell; and, last but not least, David L. Campbell md. Cheryl A. Snell. Wilhelmina [Steeves (1834-1920)] would be my 4th cousin three times removed, whatever that means. ... Stanley Ann Dunham, the mother of Barack Obama, happens to be my 9th cousin, once removed. So most likely you can either brag you're related to a President or hang your head in shame....
David Campbell

Go Nuts *A comment on ConnectingAlbertCounty.org/food-farming--fishing/go-nuts.*

What an amazing story of how gardening, old and new, has been passed down through the years and is still harvesting even more tasty treats today. I have tried the walnuts and they are delicious! One bag is just not enough! Thank you for what you do!
Becky Brooks

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Letter: Help Solve a Hillsborough Mystery

As finishing touches are being added to *The History of Hillsborough Public Library*, a last call is being made for a few missing bits. A previous request for information in *Connecting Albert County* brought in three valuable pieces of history: a date of interest, a lovely picture of the group which founded the library and biographical information on one of the founders.

Still remaining a mystery is the first location(s) of Hillsborough Library from late 1896 to the move to Peck Hall in the 1960s. We are also missing the names of early librarians. There is mention in 1906 of a library building and of "the efficient librarian," and mentions of the library 'trustees' (the Ladies Village Club) meeting in their "Club rooms." Nothing else in the many newspaper reports of the group's weekly meetings suggests where the library or club rooms were located. Any leads would be much appreciated.

Anyone who has diaries kept by family members covering 1896 to 1960s, community history write-ups by family members or students, a scrapbook of newspaper articles from the area, etc. is asked to look through

Hillsborough Public Library

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The Library is open for the public one person/family at a time between 1pm-4pm with masks and social distancing.

Curbside pick-up is available 10am-noon. To arrange for pick-up, call the library to make an appointment.

Starting Tuesday March 2nd, our hours are changing. We will be open 1pm-4:30pm Tuesday to Friday, and 10am-noon and 1pm-5pm on Saturdays. Curbside pick-up will be available Tuesday to Friday from 10am-noon.

We encourage you to use our online services at www.gnb.ca/publiclibraries.

these for details about the early years of Hillsborough Public Library. Maybe a family member was a member of the Club or a librarian from that period.

Any leads or information you may find on these mysteries can be directed to Library Manager Victoria (734-3722) or library trustee Roland Hutchinson (734-8989) as soon as possible. Thank you for whatever you can do to help complete and preserve our library's history.

Roland Hutchinson, Trustee, Hillsborough Public Library



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Salad, Outside the Box

When thinking about winter salads, it is best if you leave the thought of a typical salad behind. Winter salads are about using what is in season and easily available to you. This may mean a salad without lettuce or growing your lettuce, but the main goal is to get you thinking about salads in a different way... outside the box.

When I think 'winter salad,' my go-to salad is quick to prepare, requires few ingredients and people love it. There is definitely room for altering the recipe. You could use a different dressing; although, I find the raspberry vinaigrette is a perfect match. Sometimes I've added raisins, sesame seeds, grated cabbage or grated kohlrabi into the mix—they're all great.

Growing inside

A very easy and common way to get greens into your salad in the off-season is by using microgreens or sprouts. They are easy to grow at home. They have a refreshing taste, add beautiful colour to any dish and are nutrient powerhouses. They also help to keep spirits up in the gloomy cold months by giving you something fresh to eat and grow inside.

It is easy to find seeds for sprouts and microgreens. Some of the places to check out are: Rainbow Seeds, Vesey's Seeds and Mumm's Sprouting Seeds.

Text and images by Angela MacDougall



Sprouts in Mason jar

Place a tablespoon of seeds in a clean jar and cover with a few inches of water. Let small seeds soak 6-8 hours or soak larger seeds (e.g., peas and beans) overnight. Drain the water through a mesh lid (you can use a piece of a screen, tooling or commercial sprouting lids), rinse and drain again. Rinse, drain, repeat every morning and night. Keep out of direct sunlight and store jars upside down in a bowl so excess water can run out (to avoid developing mould or bacterial problems).

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From the kitchen of Angela MacDougall

Go-to Winter Salad with Easy Raspberry Vinaigrette

Ingredients

- 1/3 grated carrots
- 1/3 grated beets
- 1/3 grated apples

Easy Raspberry Vinaigrette:

- 1 1/2 cups frozen raspberries
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 small shallot, mild onion, green onion or chives
- 1 tsp mustard
- 1 tsp honey or maple syrup
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions

Salad: Mix and toss with vinaigrette.

Vinaigrette: Blend in a blender or food processor. Serve immediately or store the remainder in the fridge.

Optional: add raisins, sesame seeds, grated cabbage or grated kohlrabi.

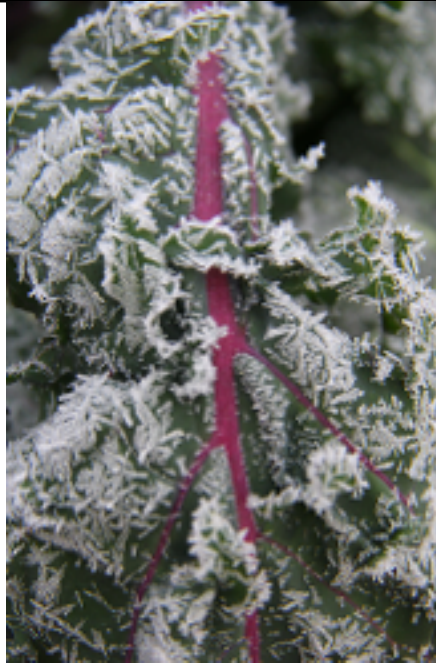


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It will take about 3-7 days from soaking to harvest; the length of time depends on the temperature of your house and size of the seeds. Once they are ready, rinse and start eating. They can be stored in the fridge. Rinse before eating. It is good to grow a small amount at a time because they have a short shelf life.

Microgreens

Lay moist growing medium (potting soil) in a shallow plastic tray (no need for holes in the bottom). Press the soil down so that it is firm, flat and even. Broadcast seeds over the tray so the seeds are crowded but don't completely cover the surface. Place a cover over the tray and set aside for a few days until the seeds germinate. Then remove the cover and place in a sunny windowsill or under a grow light.



Kale is so hardy that not only will it survive a hard frost (as above), it will actually taste sweeter and be more tender after a hard freeze. Picture by Janet Wallace.

These can be eaten at any stage of growth but I like to eat them when the first set of true leaves are a decent size. Check moisture levels daily. If soil is becoming slightly dry, add water but not much as this can cause mould to form.

Kale, collards and hardy winter greens

Kale and collard greens are very cold hardy and grow well in our climate. They are also jam-packed full of vitamins and minerals. Kale has been listed as one of the most nutrient-dense foods on the planet and has sky-high amounts of vitamins A, K and C.

The only time we use whole kale leaves as a salad base is when it is at the baby leaf stage. When the leaves are larger, they become tough and more fibrous. We simply shred the

leaves from the stems (the stems are great to save in a freezer bag to later add nutrients to stews and broths). We then use a mezzaluna (rounded two-handled chopping knife) to mince the kale before putting it in the salad. We also use minced kale in our smoothies and as a garnish for meals like eggs, soups, pasta dishes, rice dishes and stir-fries.

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From the kitchen of Angela MacDougall

Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing

Ingredients

1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
2/3 cup olive oil
1 tbsp mustard
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tbsp maple syrup or honey
Sea salt and pepper to taste

Directions

Whisk together.

Store any remaining vinaigrette in the fridge.



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Roasted Veggie Winter Salad

Ingredients

2 cups* of assorted seasonal veggies cut into cubes. Could include carrots, parsnips, squash, rutabaga, kohlrabi, celeriac, beets and onions.

Olive oil

Salt and pepper to taste

Balsamic vinegar to taste

Maple syrup to taste

Balsamic vinaigrette

*For a larger family-size salad, double the amount of vegetables

Directions

Preheat oven to 400F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Lay veggies on baking sheet. Drizzle with oil and season with sea salt and pepper.

Roast for 20 minutes and then flip veggies over and roast for another 10 minutes.

When the veggies are golden brown and fork-tender, remove them from the oven. Drizzle with balsamic vinegar and maple syrup and roast them for 5 more minutes.

Drizzle balsamic vinaigrette dressing over everything. Place roasted veggies atop a bed of chopped kale or add sprouts to a bed of roast veggies.

Garnish with soft cheese, like goat cheese, and raw nuts or seeds (e.g., hulled pumpkin seeds).

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Turn your salad into a meal *(continued from page 8)*

Add protein and starches to energize your body and fill your belly.

Legumes: Add a handful of cooked beans, lentils or chickpeas as a topping. For added flavour, roast the cooked legumes in the oven on a baking sheet for 8 minutes or until they start to brown a little. This will pull the moisture from them and they will be more firm.

Eggs: Eggs are readily available and cheap, and provide an easy way to add protein to meals. You can boil, scramble, fry and/or poach them, then slice and add to salads. My favourite way is to slice hard-boiled eggs with a boiled egg slicer, both ways, lengthwise and widthwise, so the pieces are really small and crumbly. That way, I end up with pieces in every bite.

Raw nuts and seeds: These are a good source of healthy fat, fibre, vitamin E (great for your skin!) and many other vitamins and minerals. There are so many to choose from. Try some and find the ones you like best. For a sweet note, toast nuts and seeds in a frying pan and drizzle with maple syrup. You can add your favourite seasoning like Cajun seasoning or curry powder to the syrup.

Cheese: A great addition, of course! The best option is a firm cheese that can be grated or crumbled. Try goat cheese, feta, cheddar, Edam... the list goes on.

Grain: Add a handful of grain to a bowl of salad. Make a large batch of oat groats, rice, quinoa, couscous, or buckwheat and use the extra for meals in the coming days. You can boil the grains plain with water, or add flavour by cooking them in stock or broth with herbs. Our favourite salad grains are oat groats and granola.

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Profile of the Black-capped Chickadee

By Michael Elliot

It's cold outside and that means that we are bundling up in winter coats, wearing mittens and tightening face masks to keep ourselves warm. That's all well and good for humans, but what about our winged friends out in nature? They can't exactly shop the latest trends in fashion as easily as we can.

Everybody knows the birds that fly south for the winter (do you blame them?). Every fall we see that familiar V-formation in the air, with geese honking their way towards warmer winds. But what about those birds that stick around with us all winter long? How do they stay warm? Let's look no further than our very own provincial bird: the Black-capped chickadee. Not only is it arguably the cutest bird in the province, it is also a master at surviving the winter.

Chickadees spend the majority of their lives foraging for food and then hiding it in little caches around the forest. They can hide food in trees, under downed trees, even under the gutters of your shed. The little black-and-white birds have an uncanny memory, remembering for months where they hid their thousands of caches! Can you even remember what you had for breakfast on Monday? Didn't think so. Chickadees need to eat as much as their little bodies can handle, and more! In fact, a single Black-capped chickadee will eat up to 60% of its body weight every single day.

Chickadees have been around long enough to know how cold it gets in the Maritimes, and they have learned exactly what to do to avoid those cold nights: shiver! Not exactly what you were expecting, huh? Shivering helps keep them warm on even the coldest of evenings. They shiver so much that they lose 10% of their body weight every night. All of this to wake up the next morning and start eating again! The birds need all of this food to build up enough energy to puff those little feathers up and shiver all through the night. Not too different from us over the holidays.

That's not the only strategy that chickadees have to survive winter. They also grow an extra layer of warmer feathers to keep themselves warm while they hunt for food. This is why when you see our New Brunswick mascots in the winter, they seem extra puffy compared to their summer counterparts! We could all take a lesson out of the Black-capped chickadee's book this year. It has been a tough year for everybody, so why don't we just enjoy some quality time with our families, eat and drink, and above all, stay warm, stay safe, and of course, look out for those adorable little puffballs called chickadees!

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Thursday, March 4

Mobile Enviro-Depot-Hillsborough. Noon-8pm. Kiwanis parking lot. Details in box on the right.

Saturday, March 6

Seedy Saturday. 10am-4pm. Foods of the Fundy Valley hosts this free event that includes seed sellers, seed swap table and garden groups, as well as activities and workshops. Lunch available. Pre-registration required. Event is subject to COVID yellow phase restrictions-will be cancelled if in orange or red phase. facebook.com/FoodsOfTheFundyValley

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Saturday, March 27

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