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**Dec. 15th 7pm - Dec 20th 7pm**  
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We are hosting an auction to raise funds to get the rink ready for this winter season!

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**On December 18th at 6:30pm,**  
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***Christmas Candlelight***  
***Sing-A-Long***  
with invited singers.

A good will offering will be accepted at the door and a light lunch will be served.

Everyone Welcome!



## *The Parish of Trinity / Port Rexton*

### *Service Schedule For December 4 – December 24, 2022*

December 4 The Second Sunday Of Advent (Blue)	11:00 A.M. Christ Church (Port Rexton) 7:00 P.M. St. John The Evangelist New Bonaventure)	Holy Eucharist  Evening Prayer
December 11 Third Sunday Of Advent (Blue)	11:00 A.M. St. Paul's (Trinity) 7:00 P.M. St. Clement's (Champney's West)	Lessons and Carols  Evening Prayer
December 18 Fourth Sunday Of Advent (Blue)	11:00 A.M. Church Of The Good Shepherd (Dunfield) 7:00 P.M. St. Andrew's (Trinity East)	Holy Eucharist  Lessons And Carols
December 24 Christmas Eve (White)	7:00 P.M. St. Matthew's (Trouty) 9:00 P.M. St. Clement's (Champney's West)	Holy Eucharist  Holy Eucharist
January 1	No Service	



The Town of Port Rexton is planning to do a monthly “Calendar of Events” to be placed on the town facebook page. This is an opportunity for groups and organizations to have their scheduled events advertised, free of charge, and subsequently be reaching a broader audience as the calendar is shared among friends on social media. Any of our local groups wishing to avail of this opportunity please have the information, (ie. name of event, date, and time), emailed to [portrexton@bellaliant.com](mailto:portrexton@bellaliant.com) or dropped off at the town office on or before the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month preceding your event.

The Port Rexton Town Council members and staff would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Bight and beyond a safe, healthy, and blessed, Christmas season and may you all have a happy and prosperous New Year.



### Parish Of Trinity / Port Rexton Memory Tree Lighting Services



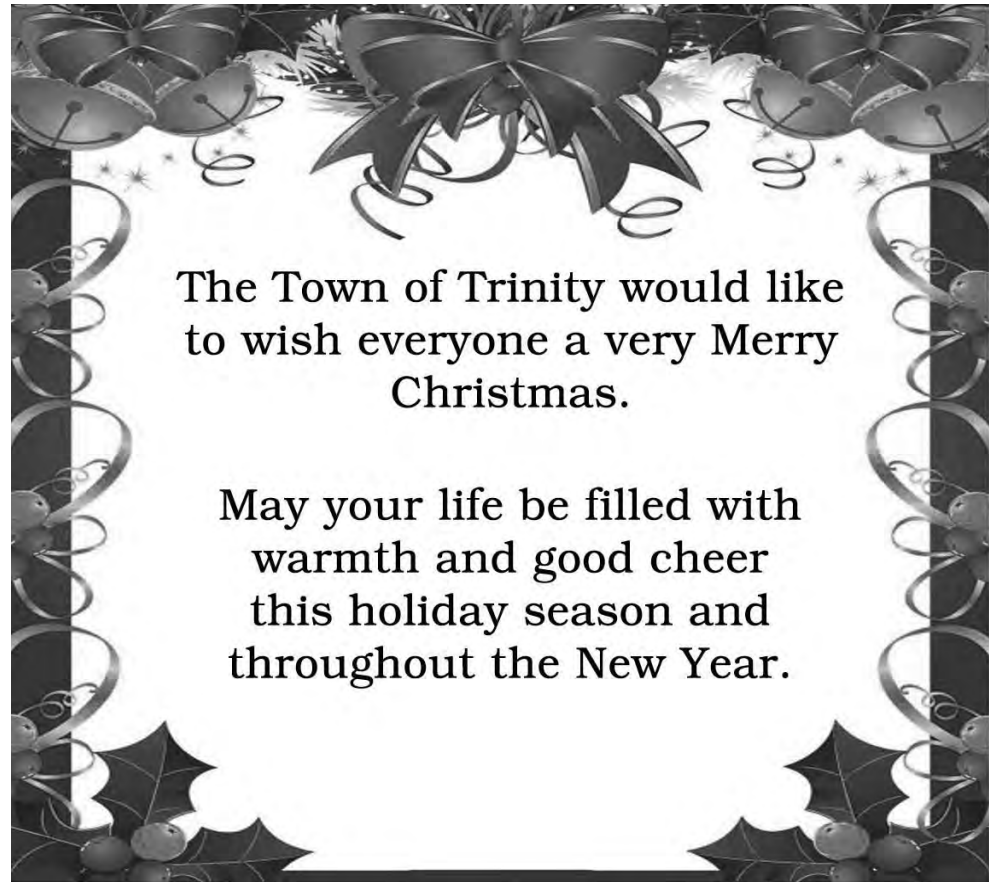
December 13 - St. Clement's (Champney's West) @ 6:30 P.M.  
St. Andrew's (Trinity East) @ 7:30 P.M.  
Christ Church (Port Rexton) @ 8:30 P.M.

December 14 - St. Paul's (Trinity) @ 8:00 P.M.

December 15 - St. John The Evangelist (New Bonaventure) @ 7:00 P.M.  
Church Of The Good Shepherd (Dunfield) @ 8:00 P.M.

December 16 - St. Matthew's (Trouty) @ 7:00 P.M.

**Please note the changes in time and place for some of the services.**



The Spirit of Dunfield invites you and yours to attend our annual Christmas tree lighting on December 18th at 4:00 pm. Event will be held outside in the playground - hot chocolate and cookies served.



# Trinity Historical Society

## Adopt a Headstone Project Update

November 29, 2022

The Trinity Historical Society (THS) is pleased to report that Robyn Lacy and Ian Petty from Black Cat Cemetery Preservation completed their fourth week of work on the restoration of the headstones in the churchyard at St. Paul's on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. They have now reset, repaired and cleaned a total of 151 headstones in the yard, which includes all of those which needed to be up-righted and repaired. This is about one headstone per hour of work. The remaining stones do not need to be up-righted or repaired but do need to be cleaned. During their fourth week in Trinity, they also restored 6 headstones in the old Methodist Cemetery on High Street which were in urgent need of restoration. Robyn and Ian are both archeologists and are experts in cemetery preservation. We are very pleased with their work. They have taught us much about the care of the headstones and what not to do to avoid damaging the stones.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the many individuals who made donations to this project. Many of you who made donations are descendants of those who are in the churchyard and we appreciate being able to make contact with you. Some of you have joined the Society and we welcome your membership.

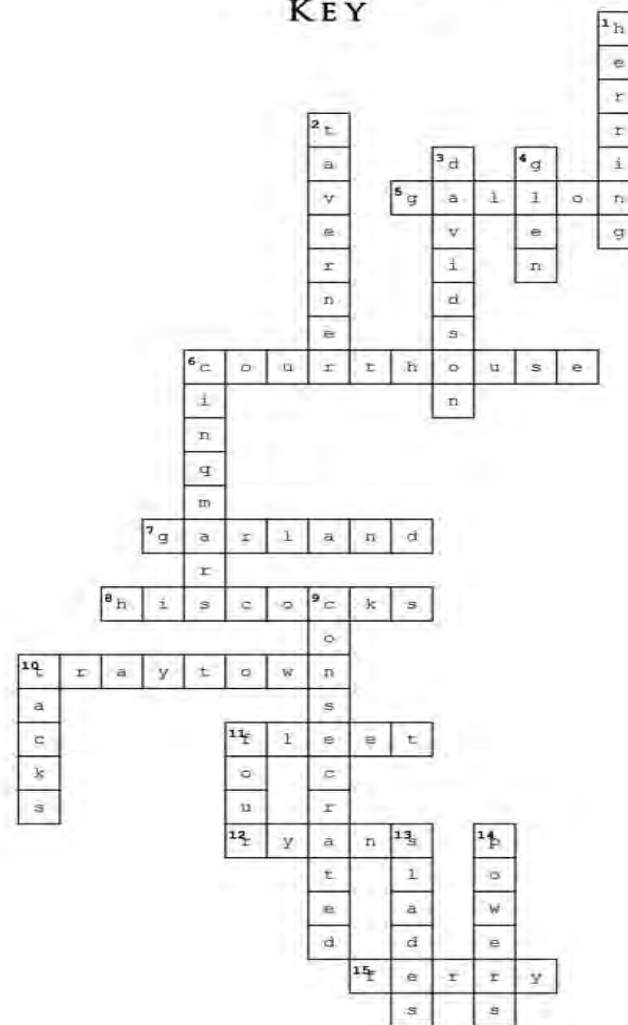
We completed the repair of the War monument and added storyboards which tell the stories of the 21 men whose names are on the monument in time for a ceremony on November 11, 2021. The storyboards were unveiled by descendants of these men at that ceremony.

The cost of the restoration and enhancement of the War Monument was \$12,661.60. We raised \$13,751.20 for the Project which was Phase I of our churchyard restoration. We applied for and received a grant from Veterans' Affairs in the amount of \$5000.00, we received a donation from the Town of Trinity in the amount of \$2,500.00, and we raised \$4,060.00 in ticket sales for Pam Sullivan's hooked rug. The remainder of the funds raised came from private donations. The \$1,089.60 in excess of Phase I costs was applied to Phase II of the restoration project. Phase II was restoration of the 50 headstones most in need of repair and Phase III included the remaining stones.

The restoration of the headstones in the churchyard was performed by Black Cat Cemetery Preservation. The cost for Black Cat to perform this work over four weeks was \$30,795.04. We incurred additional costs related to materials and transportation of \$1,508.43. Other expenses including the printing of tickets and promotional material, ticket license fee and bank fees totalled \$653.78. The cost of the initial site visit by Black Cat was \$342.24. The final report when completed will cost an additional \$258.75. Total expenses thus far have totalled \$33,299.99.

November 2022

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### Across

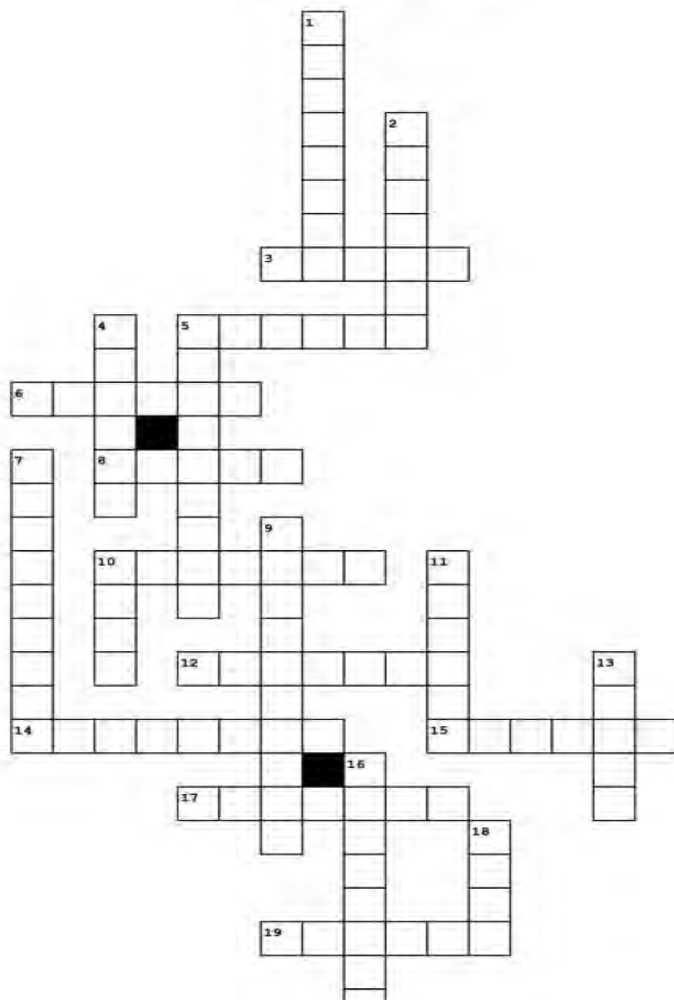
5. The smallest measure of rum a Trinity merchant could sell in 1835.
6. Thomas Street built the first \_\_\_\_\_ in Trinity in 1774.
7. He inherited the Lester property in Trinity.
8. Bob \_\_\_\_\_ Point is just east of Fahey's Neck.
10. The next community south of the town of Ireland's Eye.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Street connects Water Street and High Street behind the Catholic church.
12. The business in Trinity which closed in 1952.
15. What public transport service began operation in Trinity in 1845?

### Down

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Cove is located on the south side of the isthmus to Champney's West.
2. Trinity sea captain who found the plane wreck "Old Glory" in the Atlantic in 1927.
3. The captain of the whaling steamer that operated out of Trinity.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Cove is located in the southeast part of Gott's Cove.
6. French engineer who mapped Trinity harbour in 1762.
9. In 1894 the third St. Paul's was \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Rocky's Place is located on \_\_\_\_\_ Hill.
11. There were \_\_\_\_\_ main communities on Ireland's Eye.
13. The Hog's Nose business which closed in 1861.
14. The first Methodist Church was built on \_\_\_\_\_ Hill in 1828.



## December 2022



### Across

3. The old Methodist cemetery is on the corner of West Street and \_\_\_\_\_ Street.
5. Turned down by the Newfoundland Regiment in WWII but then joined the Canadian Army.
6. 11.25 degrees separated the \_\_\_\_\_ on a standard European mariner's compass.
8. Ann \_\_\_\_\_ was the first post mistress in Trinity.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ family farmed in the valley where Bartlett's Electrical and the BEDA Building are located.
12. A business once located on the brook running between Loop Pond and Goose Cove.
14. The son of Trinity who became a Rhodes scholar.
15. Seabird with an orange parrot-like beak.
17. The term which describes a clockwise change in wind direction.
19. The 1700s Trinity merchant who could speak French.

### Down

1. A family name from Sooley's Cove besides Sooley.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Rocks are located just south of the entrance to Ireland's Eye.
4. John \_\_\_\_\_ was William Bullock's father in law.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ denomination built their second parsonage on High Street across from Rocky's Place.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Cove is located west of Skerwink.
9. The nickname for the bowsprit on a schooner.
10. The most southerly street connecting Hill Street to Water Street in Trinity.
11. A cup of tea and a feed in the woods.
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ St. Paul's Church was built in 1892.
16. Owner of the house in Trinity to recently obtain heritage status.
18. The ferry between Trinity and Trinity East stopped running in nineteen forty \_\_\_\_\_.

As of November 29, 2022, we have raised a total of \$34,498.75 We applied for and received a grant from Come Home 2022 in the amount of \$13,000.00. We raised \$3,700.00 on ticket sales on the painting donated by Ed Roche. Mike Murphy of Halifax won the hooked rug on tickets and he donated this back to the Society. The rug was sold at our in-person auction for \$1000.00. Masonic Union Lodge #28 donated \$500.00 and the remainder of the funds raised came from private donors. The amount remaining in the project account as of November 29, 2022 is \$1,198.76. The cost of the final report from Black Cat will be paid from this account when that invoice is received.

Black Cat Cemetery Preservation estimates that about three days of work will be required to clean the remaining headstones. Over the next few months, we hope to raise the additional funds needed to complete the project in the spring of 2023.

The success of this project depended on the efforts and contributions of numerous individuals. Once again, we would like to thank Corey Jones for providing accommodations for Ian and Robyn at Trinity Cabins free of charge for the four weeks they were in Trinity and we thank Pam Sullivan and Ed Roche for donating the beautiful hooked rug and painting for sale on tickets. We thank Ervin Locke for the donation of crusher dust used to stabilize the headstones. We thank those members of THS who helped with ticket sales and we thank Pam Sullivan and Sharon Jeans for their communications expertise. We thank THS staff members Jim Miller and Dean Bailey for their work in the organization and implementation of the Project and Kyle Hurdle for his help on site. We would again like to thank all of those who donated to the Project, those who bought tickets on the hooked rug and the painting, and the Government of NL for their support through the Come Home Year Program. The Adopt a Headstone Project would not have been possible without this considerable effort and financial support.

The churchyard looks lovely following this restoration. We believe caring for these headstones honours the memory of those who are buried there.

Further work to complete the restoration of the remaining headstones will depend on our ability to raise the additional funds required.

Kevin Toope and Ian Morris,  
Project Co-leads



Photo: Courtesy, Elaine Vokey

## Benjamin Lester and his Taverner Ancestry

Dr. W. Gordon Handcock,

Professor Emeritus, Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Benjamin Lester (1724-1802) was son of Francis Lester. Francis was mayor of Poole in 1716 and owned at least one ship in the Newfoundland trade in the 1730s. Benjamin's mother, Rachael, was the daughter of William Taverner (1639-1693), whose family had deep roots in the Newfoundland cod fishery at Bay de Verde. Benjamin was just 13 years old when his father died in 1737 but that year went to Newfoundland, the employ of his kinsman/cousin, John Masters, an eminent Poole-Newfoundland merchant (who had married Sarah Taverner). John Masters was born in 1687/8 in Silly Cove (Winterton) Trinity Bay, raised in Poole (after his father died c.1698) and at the age of 13 years was apprenticed to William Taverner, then captain of a Newfoundland ship. This William Taverner was Benjamin Lester's uncle, his mother's brother.

Under the patronage of different members of his mother's family Benjamin was taught the workings of the transatlantic Newfoundland trade (primarily the cod fishery) from Trinity, an emerging mercantile centre dominated by Poole merchants on the northeast coast of the island. From a boy apprentice with John Masters, he progressed steadily, became a merchant (first in partnership with brother Isaac), expanded commercial operations and, by the 1780s, was the acknowledged wealthiest merchant in Poole, the most affluent and influential West Country figure in the Newfoundland trade. In testimony to a Committee of the House of Commons on the Newfoundland trade in 1793, Richard Routh, an imminent lawyer with considerable Newfoundland experience, identified the major British merchants who had earned great wealth in it. Turning to the Poole participants, his first comment was that "Mr. Lester's immense fortune is known to the public in general."

Benjamin Lester grew up in Poole and was tutored by his uncle Isaac Taverner, a 'writing master.' He enjoyed the advantages of education and literacy and was throughout his life an active writer and avid reader. In 1749 Lester married his cousin Susannah, daughter of Jacob Taverner, a prominent settler in Trinity.



### Trinity Historical Society

If you wish to place an ad in our January issue of Trinity Bight Enterprise, please send it along to [programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com](mailto:programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com). The deadline is Monday, December 19th with mailout scheduled for Friday, December 30th.

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Through her or, more likely, by assuming her father's huge debt to several merchant suppliers, he gained occupancy and ownership of a valuable waterside property, known as Taverner's Plantation. [This property was initially granted to William Taverner in 1700 and today is occupied by buildings owned by Trinity Pageant and the Lester-Garland Premises Historic Site] On this site in the decades following Lester built a major mercantile establishment including a large Georgian brick house, a counting house, a complex of warehouses, stores, wharves and workplaces & houses for artisans, and a shipyard.

In 1749 Benjamin Lester was appointed a justice of the peace for the district of Trinity, a position he held for over twenty years. In the late 40s he was agent for Master and Ballard in supplying the Trinity garrison at Admiral's (Fort) Point. When these partners both died within a year of each other 1755/6, Benjamin acted as executor and attempted to collect debts from about 30 fisherman-planters (settler families) in Trinity Bay. By now Lester was himself a merchant as well as a substantial planter. A census taken in 1753 records him as a married "Master" with one child, employing 83 summer servants (38 English, 45 Irish), operating 11 fishing boats and skiffs, from three stages (landing structures for fish), and employing 44 winter servants (18 English, 26 Irish). These measures ranked him second in Trinity only to his Poole Quaker cousin, Joseph White, son of Samuel White and Mary Taverner of Bay de Verde, in the summer codfishery, but show him by far the largest local employer of winter servants indicating that he was much involved in wood cutting, boat building (possibly ship building), furring and sealing.

Benjamin's residency in Trinity is recorded in sundry documents (church and court records, government records and the Lester- Papers). All six of his children by Susannah [Francis 1751, Rachael 1752, John (Sir John) 1754, Susannah 1756, Amy 1759, and Sarah 1762] were born in Trinity. Francis died an infant. The others at about five or six years were sent to Poole to reside with relatives for schooling. Meanwhile Susannah remained in Newfoundland until 1767 when Sarah her youngest was five years but then she went to England to live in Poole. Benjamin went back and forth until the outbreak of the American Revolution. It was then rumoured the Americans were offering a bounty for his capture in retaliation for his support of punitive measures against the American colonies which triggered their outrage leading to the Revolutionary War (War of Independence). After 1775 Benjamin stopped coming to Newfoundland and remained in England where he became first Mayor of Poole and later a Member of

Parliament. After brother Isaac died in 1778 Ben took control of the firm and left Newfoundland operations in charge of an agent, Thomas Stone, formerly his chief clerk at Trinity.



# Trinity Historical Society

## Newsletter, Issue 22

November 2022

R. Coope, J. Morris, Eds.

We have presented the stories of all of the twenty-one men whose names are inscribed on the War Monument located in St. Paul's churchyard in Trinity. The names of five men are inscribed on the War Monument in Trouty, two of which are also inscribed on the Trinity Monument. In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of the first of the three remaining men whose names are on the Monument in Trouty.

As always, the THS welcomes application for membership from anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the Society.



## Moses Dewling



Moses Dewling, the son of David Dewling and Lucy Ledrew, was born in Trouty on July 18, 1895. He enlisted in the Newfoundland Royal Navy Reserves on February 19, 1916. He died in the sinking of the City of Liverpool on July 31, 1918. He was 23.

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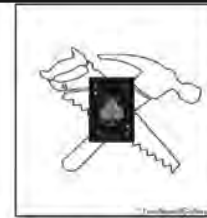
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Chatham Naval Memorial



*The Trinity Historical Society would like to extend  
Warmest Christmas Greetings to everyone.  
We wish you a wonderful holiday season and a  
very Happy New Year!*

*Note of Thanks*  
*Austin Verge*  
*December 03, 1947 - April 08, 2021*

After more than a year of waiting, Austin was finally laid to rest on October 24, 2022.

The family would like to thank all those who joined us at St. Luke's Cemetery in Old Bonaventure to share in our final good-bye. A special thanks to those who drove long distances. Thank you to Rev. Sparkes for the beautiful service and heartwarming prayer, as well as for his guidance through the process.

Also, much appreciation for family participation - Matthew Jones (urn bearer), Kimberley Verge (carried the flowers), Corey Jones (distributed the service bulletins) and Alma Jones for her heartfelt reading of "Crossing the Bar" as well as providing the music.

Thank you to Charlie Verge and Kimberley for preparing the spot for the stone.

Thank you to Fewer's Funeral Home for printing the bulletins, and Family Memorials for the opening and closing of the stone.

Austin will be dearly missed by us all but especially by our fur babies to whom he called himself "Skipper".

With sincere thanks  
Heather Verge and Family

*Farewell "Skipper" you have followed the evening star.  
You'll be forever in our hearts, though you have  
"Cross'd the Bar."*



*Greetings from the Port Rexton Area Lions Club.*

We want to take this time to reflect and thank our community members for your continued support. From purchasing tickets and supporting our hot dog sales you have enabled us as a group to help those in need. Our ongoing 50-50 draw and radio bingo have also greatly helped us to give back to our communities. Thank you!

Involvement with our children at Bishop White is very important to us. Port Rexton and Fort Point participate together with hosting an annual Peace Poster Contest, this year it was held on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Trinity Hogan! Her poster will be sent to the district for the next level judging. Thank you all that participated! Our Lions also look forward to serving weekly at the breakfast program.

Winter things to look forward to are: Our Annual Seniors Christmas Dinner, Music and Santa Visit, as well as the Santa Claus Parade and hopefully (snow) a Skidoo run this year.

As Christmas approaches we would like to ask for your much needed help to fill our food bank shelves once again. Food donations can be left at our supporting grocery retailers Valu Grocer and Freshmart or please contact one of our members for pick up.

\*There will also be a food/toy drive float within the Santa Claus Parade\*

We appreciate all you do to keep us at our strongest.

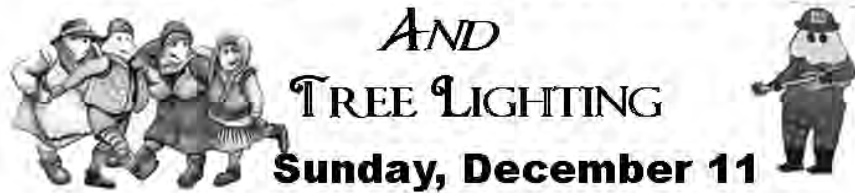
Keep in mind the Lions building is available for family receptions of all sorts. Contact Lion Rob Butler for more information and bookings at 705-790-5947.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Safe, Happy and Healthy New Year!

Here to serve our community!



# FORT POINT LIONS SING-ALONG, 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MUMMERS PARADE



**Mummers! Gather at Bartlett's Electrical parking lot at 2:15 pm.**

**We will parade to the Lions Club at 2:30**

**The Sing-along will start at 3:00. There will be visits from Frosty and Santa.**

**Sandwiches, cookies, tea and coffee will be served.**

**We will light the Christmas Tree at dusk, as we leave the sing-along.**



**Note: Admission is free, but we will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items for the local food bank.**

## *Note of Thanks* *Audrey Madeline Rex* *February 2, 1932 - November 5, 2022*

The family of the Late Madeline Rex of Port Rexton would like to thank all who supported us during this difficult time. We would like to thank the management and staff of O'Mahoney Manor in Clarendville, where she resided for the past 3 years. A special thank you to Rev. John for his spiritual guidance, prayers and words. Special thanks to Kim Hansford/Vardys Funeral Home for her professionalism. Thank to Alma Long (lay reader), Bernice Vokey (music), Morley Goodyear, Barbara Ayles & Collette White (readings) and to her 4 boys - Tyler, Lee, Devan & Jamie for acting as pall bearers. We appreciate donations made in her memory to the Port Rexton Cemetery Fund and all the phone calls, cards, messages & food.

Thank you for remembering her and us.  
Sincere thanks,  
Elaine, Keith & Family



## *Note of Thanks* *Clarence Locke* *November 19, 1943 - August 21, 2022*



We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped alleviate the sorrow caused by our dad's passing. To the staff of Golden Heights Manor, Vardy's Funeral Home, Rev. Keith Denman, Wayne and Jim; we thank you for your care, compassion and guidance. To Harvey and Joan for reading in church, to Glenn for the beautiful eulogy and to Don for providing the accordion music - such a fitting tribute, we thank you all for taking part in the service. To the pall bearers; Stephen, Nathan, Fred, Scott, Dave and Martin, to Chris Hiscock for opening and closing the grave, and to the eagle that soared over the gravesite to show him the way. To the Fort Point Lions for the tea social after the funeral- we thank you. To those who travelled to be with us, for the many cards, messages of condolences, gifts of food and money - we sincerely appreciate every gesture. It broke our hearts to lose our dad, but we can rest easy knowing now that he is with mom. We speak of him often and will always remember his laugh and his witty sense of humor. We are sure he is playing his accordion for the angels!

Carolyn & Chas, Stephen & Sherry and the Locke Family



# December 10, 2022

## Lions Clubs and Fire Departments will bring Santa Claus to the Bight ...

We will start at 11 am at the Beach at English Harbour,  
travel to the Bonaventure Crossroads and return  
to the Fort Point Lions Club to award prizes.

**Enter a float! (Registration 10:00 - 10:45)**

**Categories:** prizes of \$100, \$75 & \$50 in each category.

**Commercial; Groups & Organizations; Friends & Family**

**New, Unwrapped TOYS and Non-Perishable FOOD**  
**will be accepted at the SANTA STOPS only**



*See Posters for more info.*



**NEW !! Due to Safety Concerns and Highway Regulations, there will be SEVEN DESIGNATED SANTA STOPS: English Harbour Beach (Parade Start); Champney's East Community Centre; Robin Hood Beach in Port Rexton; BEDA Building, Trinity; Bottom of Dunfield Hill; Trouty Intersection at Plant Road; Bonaventure Crossroads (Parade End)**  
**PLEASE STAY TOGETHER**

Dear Santa,

It's your buddy Ayden LaSaga! I'm 3 years old and starting to learn more about Christmas and can't wait for your visit! I tried to be a good boy all year. I loved all my presents you brought me last year. This year for Christmas I would like a hot wheels race track and a remote control truck. If you have any extra room I love surprises! Sissy and I will leave a treat for you by our tree and some carrots for your reindeer!

Love,

Ayden

P.S. Don't forget my Sissy, our doggy Lulu and our kitty Oats



Dear Ho Ho,

It's your little friend Brielle LaSaga! I'm 3 years old and so excited for your visit! I've tried really hard to be a good girl all year. Thank you for my presents last year, I had so much fun playing with them. This year I would like a Barbie house and a new dolly and maybe, if you have room, a surprise! I love play doh! Brud and I will leave some cookies and milk by our tree for you and a snack for your reindeer.

Love,

Brielle

P.S. Don't forget my Brud, our doggie Lulu and our new kitty Oats





## *Letters to Santa*

Dear Santa,

My name is JJ Miller and I am five years old. Thank you so much for the gifts you brought me last year! I am still using my Magic Mixie Cauldron to create potions! This year I would like a Rapunzel costume for dressing up and a wig to go with it. My brother and I are also asking for a Magic Mixie Crystal Ball that we will share because Mommy says we don't need two of them! Please remember to stop and visit the sick children who are in hospital during the holidays. A visit from you will surely cheer them up and make them smile! We will leave you a slice of lemon pie and a glass of chocolate milk. We will leave carrots for the reindeer as they will be hungry too after the long journey. Have a safe flight!

Your little friend,  
JJ Miller



Dear Santa,

My name is Thunder and I am four years old. Thank you so much for the train you gave me last year - I have enjoyed playing with it all year! This year for Christmas I would like to ask for a Cozy Dozy and a Magic Mixie Crystal Ball. My brother and I will share the Crystal Ball toy because my Mommy says we don't need two of them in the same house! The children at the hospitals will be looking forward to seeing you as well in the days leading up to Christmas. I hope you can find time to visit them as I know you are extremely busy leading up to the big night! I will leave some banana bread for you and some celery for the reindeer! Be careful as you fly all around the world - that sleigh of yours can go very fast!

Your little friend,  
Thunder

Dear Santa,

My name is Ryder King, and I am 8 years old. How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I hope the elves are working hard. Thank you for the gifts you brought me last year, I really liked them. This year for Christmas I would like a Toronto Raptors mini hoop and ball, a new television for my room and a firestick. If you have room, I would also love a small surprise. Please don't forget all the sick kids who spend Christmas in the hospital. Me and my sister will put some milk, cookies, and carrots by our tree for you and the reindeer.

Love your buddy,  
Ryder King



Dear Santa,

My name is Avery King, I am 10 years old and in grade 5. I go to Bishop White School, and I am having a great year so far. I have tried to be good this year. Thank you for the toys you brought me last year, I am really enjoying them, especially my snowboard. I played with it all winter. So how are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I hope all the elves are working hard making toys. This year for Christmas I would like a firestick, a skidoo helmet with a visor, a pair of Under Armour sneakers and if you don't mind, I would like a surprise. If you have room, you can bring some treats for my puppy, Luna. I will make sure I have cookies and milk for you, and I will not forget carrots for the reindeer. P.S. I hope you have a safe trip.

Love your friend,  
Avery King



Dear Santa,  
This is your little buddy Isaac Fowlow of Port Rexton. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well. This year I am 7 years old so I am writing my letter on my own with a little help from mom spelling words. Thank you for the gifts you brought me last year. For Christmas this year I would like a Snow Cone Machine, some practice ice for me to shoot pucks on, volleyball and a pogo stick. Please bring something extra special to my brothers Sebastian & Adrian. Please don't forget all the sick kids who won't make it home for Christmas. Santa I have one more wish and that is to bring my daddy something extra special because he will be celebrating Christmas at work this year.

Love your buddy  
Isaac



Dear Santa,  
Hi! My name is Kinsley and I am 4 years old so mommy is helping me write my letter. First of all I would like to thank you for my presents last year, I loved them all especially my rainbow pussycat. This year for Christmas I would like a magic mixi, a doll house and any other surprise that you would like to bring. Please make room around my tree for Sissy and Tay, they are spending Christmas with me and mommy this year!

Your little friend,  
Kinsley Clarke

PS. Mommy will leave a lunch for you and your reindeer.



Dear Santa,

I hope you and Mrs Claus are doing well. This is your friend Sofia Fowlow of Trinity East. Thank you for the nice gifts you brought me last year. For Christmas this year I would like a barbie doll, a sleeping bag, and new pink headphones and maybe a couple surprises. Please bring something extra special to my classmates and my teacher as I started school this year and I love it so much. Also please bring something special to my brother Riley & Sister Faith in Alberta. Me and my nanny will leave some cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

Love,  
Sofia



Dear Santa,  
This is your little friend Lexie from Dunfield, and I am seven years old this year. How are things at the North Pole? Busy I am guessing. Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. I really enjoyed them. This year I would like a fire stick for my television in my bedroom, Lego friends The Friendship lego house, and the blue or red rainbow high doll. Please don't forget all the boys and girls who are in the hospital this year and can't make it home for Christmas. We will leave a lunch for you and your reindeer.  
P.S. Could you please bring something special for my big sister Payton.

Your friend,  
Lexie Bellows



Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Adalynn Skyler Cooper and I am only 1 year old. I am still too tiny to write this letter by myself so my mommy is helping me write it. I have been a good girl all year for my mommy and daddy. First of all, thank you very much for all the presents you gave me last year. This year for Christmas I would like a baby dolly, activity table, a pink princess tent with twinkle lights and some new clothes. Please do not forget the little girls and boys who won't be home for Christmas. My mommy and I will bake some cookies on Christmas Eve for you. I will leave them out for you by our Christmas tree. Be sure to tell Rudolph and all your other reindeer that I will leave some reindeer feed sprinkled on my lawn for them as well.

I love you, Santa. Have a safe trip!

Your little friend,  
Adalynn Cooper  
Port Rexton



Dear Santa,  
My name is Alisha Cole. I am 11 years old and in grade six. I tried to be a good girl all year. Thank you for the gifts you brought me last year. This year for Christmas I would like an iPhone and anything that you would like to bring me. Could you please bring my dog Marley some new toys to play with for Christmas. Please don't forget all the sick kids at the Janeway that can't make it home for Christmas. I will leave milk and cookies for you and a carrot for Rudolph. Say hi to Mrs. Claus for me and have a safe trip.

Your friend,  
Alisha Cole  
Dunfield



Dear Santa,  
I know you probably remember me from last year, but my name is William King from Trouty, NL. I am 2.5 years old and I am really excited about Christmas this year! Mommy and Daddy say I have adjusted really well in my new role as big brother! For Christmas I would like some new clothes, an excavator like my poppy's and an easel. Please don't forget to bring some presents for my little sister, Maria. Also, if you are not too busy I would love it if you could bring a treat for my big brothers Oakley and Finn. Safe travels and I hope you enjoy the milk and cookies!

Love,  
William King

Dear Santa,  
My name is Maria King and I am almost one year old! I was only one week old when you came last year so I am really looking forward to your visit this year! Mommy and Daddy say I have been a super good girl this year! I would like some new clothes and toys for Christmas. Please don't forget to bring some presents for my big brother, William! Thank you for all the great presents you brought last year. Safe travels and I hope you enjoy the milk and cookies!

Love,  
Maria King




**Merry Christmas to Heather, Josh. Wishing you a very Happy Christmas.**

**Love Uncle Robert.**

**Merry Christmas to Summer, Sierra and Jeffrey King. Hope Santa Claus finds you and leaves you lots of presents, Love Uncle Robert.**


**Merry Christmas to Doreen, Hedley, Cindy and Valerie. Wishing you a nice Christmas.**

**Love Robert.**



**Merry Christmas to Barb Locke. Greetings from Robert.**

**Merry Christmas to Mike and Sharon Hiscock. Greetings from Robert.**





Mallory Drodge, Age 9  
Trinity



Dear Santa,  
My name is Abbey Ray LaCour.  
This Christmas I will be 2 months old and I am very excited for my first Christmas! I live in Trinity with my mom, dad and pet cat Sadie. This year for Christmas I would like a musical instrument, a slide and a little surprise. I have 5 big cousins who would also love a gift too! Please don't forget about all the little boys and girls in the hospital who won't make it home for Christmas this year. I will leave a treat for you and the reindeer!



Your new friend,  
Abbey Ray

Dear Santa,  
This is you little buddies Ace and Blaze.  
We hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well along with all of the reindeer. This year for Christmas I would like a quad and my brother Blaze would like a big blue truck and any other surprises you would like to bring. Please don't forget our puppy Kai, this is his first Christmas. We will leave you some milk and cookies and carrots for the reindeer.



Love,  
Ace and Blaze!

Dear Santa,  
It's your friend Parker! I am writing to thank you for all the wonderful gifts you brought me last year! It was my first Christmas and it sure was a special one. Since I last wrote to you I've learned to walk! Mommy says I'm a busy bee, and so this year I would love to have a new Tonka truck and a new suit to wear on skidoo with my daddy. I also have a new baby cousin named Abbey that would love a gift too! Please don't forget all of the little boys and girls who are in hospitals and will not make it home for Christmas. I will leave cookies and milk for you and carrots for the reindeer. Safe travels!



Your friend,  
Parker Bailey

Dear Santa,  
I love the gifts you gave me last year they were super fun. This year I would like to have the owl from Harry Potter, a Lego set, new board game and anything Barbie. Don't forget the boys and girls who can't be home for Christmas. I have milk and cookies for you!



Love,  
Leah Johnson