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NEWSLETTER OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORELL

Morell Matters



CANADA DAY IN MORELL

Join us for Canada Day celebrations on Monday, July 1 at Leo Rossiter Park from 11am-1pm. We will have refreshments, entertainment, horse rides, bouncy castle, animals from the 4-H Club and public safety displays.

Many thanks to all contributors and to our sponsors: Government of Canada, Knights of Columbus, Morell Lions Club, Morell Coop, Morell Fire Department, PEI EMO and RCMP. Special thanks to Senator Jane MacAdam for sending us a national flag in advance of Canada Day.

Morell River Run Festival

Morell River Run Festival is kicking off with a *Community Social & Card Play*, on July 18 at 7–10pm at the Morell Fire Hall. Everyone is welcome at the *Morell Credit Union BBQ* on July 19, 3–5pm at the Rossiter Park Shelter. Shortly after, at 6:30pm, the *Morell River Run Parade* will begin. The day will wrap up with the *Tween/Teen Game Night* at 7–9pm at the Rossiter Park and the *Trivia Night* at 9pm at the Morell Credit Union Rink.

CALL FOR PARADE ENTRIES

Showcase your business or organization with a creative parade float. All entries have to arrive at the Morell Regional High School by 6pm. Register floats

at morellriverrunfestival@gmail.com

The third day of the Festival–July 20, will offer many fun activities to choose from:

Community Yard Sale is the first event of the day at 10am–12pm at the Morell Credit Union Rink. Reserve a table at *morellriverrunfestival@gmail.com*.

Get Crafty Kids, 10am–3pm, Morell Public Library. *Play time at the Park*, 12–3pm, Rossiter Park Grounds. Remember to bring your swimsuit and towel. *Fire Department Open House*, 12–3pm, Rossiter Park Parking Lot. Try on some gear and explore inside a real fire truck!

Morell River Expo, 12–3pm at Rossiter Park Shelter.

Strawberry Social, 3–5pm at Rossiter Park Shelter with our MLA, Sidney MacEwen.

River Run Duck Race, 3–4pm, Morell River Bridge. A \$1,000 cash prize will be awarded to the owner of the first duck that reaches the finish line and \$250 cash prize for a random duck picked from the flock.

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Congratulations Graduates!



Dear graduates of Morell Regional High, the Rural Municipality of Morell congratulates you with successful graduation and wishes you all the best in your future endeavors!

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Hoe Down Kitchen Party at 6–9pm at Rossiter Park Shelter. *Morell Lions Summer Dance,* 10pm–2am at the Morell Credit Union Rink with live music from the Spuds. Please note it is a 19+ event, photo ID required.

The last day of the Festival, Sunday, July 21, will begin with an *Outdoor Mass and Picnic* at 11am at the St. Lawrence Picnic Grounds, Green Meadows. Further detail about this event can be found in the *Faith Community* below. The Festival will wrap up with the *Morell River Management Coop Open House* at 1–3pm at Mooney's Pond, 2720 Mt. Stewart Rd. Check our newly renovated interpretive centre, boardwalk, and walking trails.

Many thanks to all the Festival volunteers and sponsors:

The Rural Municipality of Morell, Jasper Wyman & Son, Morell Credit Union, Physio East, Morell Lions Club, Morell Coop, Red Head Harbour Authority, St. Peters Harbour Lighthouse Society, Charlottetown Home Hardware, Friends of Morell Legion #26, Holy Cow Burgers & Wings, The Seafood Shack, Collings Timber Mart, and MRSB Group.

FAITH COMMUNITY

In August 1985, St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish, under the guidance of Fr. Paul Egan, held its very first outdoor mass and picnic to raise funds for church renovations. It was such a success that it became an annual event, where guests enjoyed BBQ, games, entertainment, cake auction and even could expect to win a unique quilt!

For that very first picnic, Anita Evans made a quilt to contribute to the fundraising effort. Little did she know that the picnic would continue and she would be making a quilt every year for the next 34 years! In that time, Anita helped raise well over \$30,000 for the church. Sadly, Anita passed away in 2019, however, she gave strict instructions to her daughter, that the tradition of the picnic quilt must continue.

This year's king sized quilt called *Forget Me Not Irish Chain* has been lovingly made in memory of Anita by her daughter Maureen. Please contact Alida MacEwen if you wish to buy tickets for this beautiful quilt valued at \$700 at *macewenalida@gmail.com*. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$20.

The Rural Beautification Society Competition

The Rural Municipality of Morell entered into a never offered before by the PEI Rural Beautification Society competition *Community Spirit–People's Choice Award*. The winning municipality will be determined by popular vote and will receive a prize of \$1,000 to go towards an outdoor project to enhance the community. You can vote as often and as many times as you wish from August 15–September 15, 2024. We will be sharing voting information in our August issue. Please visit *www.peirbs.ca* for information on this and any other competitions offered by the PEI Rural Beautification Society.

St. Peter's Circle Club Seniors

The St. Peter's Circle Club is a member of the PEI Seniors' Federation. In the summer, members meet for occasional outings and activities. Regular weekly Club activities are:

Tuesdays, 10 am–Crokinole Wednesdays, 7 pm–Cards (45's) Fridays, 7:30 pm–Ceilidh music and dance

For more information about the club, please call *902.393.1482*. For club rentals, please call *902.961.2670*.

FREE CONCERT SERIES

The Morell and Area Development Corporation (MADC) ongoing summer concert series features two-hours of free, live music at the Leo Rossiter Park Pavilion with local entertainers.

MacDonald Sisters (Doris and Marie) will be performing on Thursday, July 4 at 6:30–8:30pm, followed by a performace from Dwayne Doiron. The Fraggle Rockers will be performing on Sunday, July 14 at 2– 4pm.