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NEWSLETTER OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORELL

# MORELL MATTERS

MORELL River Run Festival July 13 - 20, 2025

#### 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 6 pm. Register floats at *morellriverrunfestival@gmail.com* 

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#### MORELL RIVER RUN FESTIVAL

Morell River Run Festival 2025 starts with a *Fifty Plus Card & Game Social* on Sunday, July 13, at 6–9 pm, at the Morell Fire Hall. *Weeklong Digital Scavenger Hunt* begins also on July 13. Find all the items on the sheet and take a photo with them! Photo lists will be validated at Rossiter Park Pavilion on Sunday, July 20, between 3–5 pm, to receive a prize!

Enter a team in our *Wine Elimination Draw & Tasting,* which will be hosted on Monday, July 14 at the Morell Credit Union Rink. The final draw is at 6-7 pm and wine tasting is at 7-9 pm.

Craft a summer sign with Deanne O'Hanley on July 15, at 7–9 pm, at the Morell Credit Union Rink. Register directly with Route 2 Designs, \$50 per person.

Come with your little ones to "Drive-In" Movie Night on Wednesday, July 16, at 6–8 pm, at the Morell Credit Union Rink. We've created cardboard box cars for each child to sit in with their drink and popcorn.

On Thursday, July 17, Morell & Area Development Corporation opens their second *Music Series* with the Mi'kmaq Heritage Actors at 6-6:30 pm, and musician Charles Bergeron at 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Peter Gordon Memorial United Church. On Thursday evening, music enthusiast can also sing along to each genre of music at *Music Bingo* (19+), between 8-10 pm, at the Morell Credit Union Rink. \$5 per person entry and lots of great prizes for standard games like single row, two row, postage stamp, four corners.

The sixth day of the Festival–Friday, July 18 will offer many fun activities to choose from:

- Join the staff of your Credit Union and great local entertainers at the *Morell Credit Union Appreciation BBQ*, at 3–5 pm, at Rossiter Park.
- *Morell River Run Parade* will begin as usual at 6:30 pm at the Morell Regional High School.
- Enjoy a *Tween Night at the Park* at 7–9 pm, Rossiter Park. Don't forget to bring your swimsuit and towel!
- Join us for Trivia Night (19+) with host Mark Cameron at 9–11 pm, at the Morell Credit Union Rink. \$5 per person entry.

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# CHASE THE ACE

On April 26, 2025, the Morell Fire Department and Morell Lions Club started Chase the Ace as a joint fundraising initiative, with half of the proceeds going towards the Morell Lions Club projects and the other half going to the Morell Fire Truck Fund. Tickets can be purchased at the Morell Co-op, and on Saturdays, between 1-6 pm, at the Morell Fire Hall. In the coming weeks, online ticket sales will be available.

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Saturday, July 19 will begin with *Community Yard* Sale at 9 am-12 pm, at the Morell Credit Union Rink. Reserve your table at 902.394.2600, \$10 per table. *Kids Afternoon* will begin right after, at 12-3pm, at Rossiter Park, featuring bouncy houses, a foam pit, fire trucks, and free snacks and refreshments. *Morell River Expo* will take place at the same time at the Rossiter Park Pavilion. To host a booth, please contact *morellriverrunfestival@gmail.com*. The day will wrap up with *Morell Lions Summer Dance* (19+), at 10 pm-2 am, at the Morell Credit Union Rink. Live music with The Spuds, \$15 admission per person with cash bar.

The last day of the Festival, Sunday, July 20, will begin with the *Full Throttle Fitness Family Fun Run* at 9:30 am, on Confederation Trail (at Kelly Green Park on Red Head Rd). Contact Full Throttle Fitness for more details. *St. Lawrence O'Toole Mass & Annual Picnic* will begin at 11 am, at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Green Meadows (see details in *Faith Community* below). *The Morell River Management Coop's Fifty Years Acknowledgment* will take place at 1–3 pm, at Rossiter Park. *Strawberry Social* will be hosted immediately after by our MLA, Sidney MacEwen, at 3–5 pm, at the Rossiter Park Pavilion. The Festival will conclude with a *Great River Run Duck Race* bewteen 4–5 pm, on Morell River at Rossiter Park.

# FAITH COMMUNITY

Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish Picnic! On Sunday, July 20, everyone is invited to Mass at 11 am at the beautiful St. Lawrence O'Toole Church and to the Parish Picnic, immediately after in the Prayer Garden. Enjoy BBQ, games, entertainment, cake auction, horse rides and more. You may even become a lucky winner of a unique *Hearts and Flowers* quilt, which was handmade by Maureen Evans.

To buy tickets for this beautiful large queen size quilt valued at \$700, please contact Alida MacEwen at *macewenalida@gmail.com*. Tickets are \$5 each or five tickets for \$20.

# MORELL CO-OP

Morell Co-op thanks all participants of the 50/50 draw. The June draw winners are Brenda Myers, Garry MacEwen and Breige Gunn. Proceeds from the draw have been donated to St. Peter's Community Cupboard, Hospice PEI Walk, International Trail Day, Special Olympics, End-of-Year School BBQs, Music Trivia, various memorial tournaments, medical travel for members, various benefits, and families in the community.

As our selection of local products continues to grow, don't forget to shop at Morell Consumers Co-op for all your summertime needs!

#### MORELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join us for the following July programming at the Morell Public Library. All programs are free to attend.

Every Wednesday, at 10:30 am we are hosting *Read, Sing, Play Storytime (ages 0-5)*. The interactive storytime supports development of early literacy skills.

On Saturday, July 5, we will host a *Summer Kick-off Party* at 11 am (*ages 6–12*). We will have Worms in Dirt Ice Cream Competition inspired by the Great British Bake Off.

Join us for bug themed activities and Bingo with prizes at the *Bug-tastic Bingo & Craft* on Saturday, July 12, at 11 am (ages 6-12).

On Saturday, July 19, at 12 pm, *Brilliant Labs* will offer hands-on, experiential learning to develop coding and digital skills (*ages 6-12*).

On Saturday, July 26, at 11 am, dive into creativity at *Button Art* to design beautiful pictures using colourful buttons *(ages 6-12)*.

Morell Public Library hours of operation are:Tuesday 2:30-6 pmWednesday 10 am-2 pmSaturday 9 am-1 pm

For any further information, please drop in at 89 Red Head Rd or contact Sarah MacLeod, Branch Technician at 902.961.3389 or morell@gov.pe.ca.