

Gossip!

*Personal Notices, Announcements
& Random Notes*

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As she prepares Black River Cheese for its first full season under Gay Lea's ownership, manager Cindy Menzies is making plans to make the venerable County Road 13 landmark and destination an even more important member of the community. Plans for this year call for the addition of a selection of enhancements to the exterior of the building including window boxes, more seating, art and a picnic area; adding ornamental giftware and other products for sale in the shop; and renovating the interior of the store itself. In addition, the company is installing a 60' dock on the riverbank for use by boaters, canoeists and kayakers. Unfortunately, reviving the boat launch is not part of the plans.

It was gratifying to learn that when the company changed hands and the factory itself closed in July 2016, all the factory's employees found employment elsewhere whether at another Gay Lea location or at another business. This year, as they have in the past, Black River Cheese will support summer students by offering them employment in the store to pay for their tuition.

The company is making additional plans for 2017 and will announce them in due course. In the meantime, residents and visitors can refer to the bulletin board on the front of the building for specific activities and dates.

The Jamboree

With considerably more space required than Milford can offer, the 2017 Prince Edward County Country Jamboree is relocating from the Milford Fairgrounds to Cherryvale Organic Farm between Milford and Cherry Valley. Best of luck to Shane and Greg for another successful event.

Poachers!

As noted elsewhere in this issue, Doug McGregor has become the Chair of the Quinte Health Care Board of Directors and as such is playing a leading role in the planning for a new hospital in the future in Picton. Doug's exemplary performance as the secretary for the Milford Fair Board undoubtedly brought him to the attention of QHC recruiters and prepared him for this important position he now occupies. Given that his photograph graced the cover of the January 26th edition of the Picton Gazette, and he's mentioned twice in this month's Mirror, can there not be a need for a bigger scrap book in the McGregor household?

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