

# HANWELL HERALD

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**THE FOUNDING FAMILY**  
*of* **HANWELL**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Wow! It is hard to believe that we are well into fall and soon, we will be enveloped by snow and cold temperatures. It has been an incredibly busy time for the municipality – the fire station is nearing completion, the Outdoor Classroom at the park had its grand opening, and plans are well underway for a great winter.

A highlight of this fall will be the opening of our new, much needed playground. It will be a high-point of our community. The current plan sees it opening in the coming weeks. Its construction is such that it fulfills our theme – “Inspired by Nature”. Soon the trail groomers will be in the park making it a destination for winter hikes and cross-country skiing. Watch for our new snowshoe program.

But as temperatures get colder, heating appliances start to turn on. Please be sure to have all your heating devices properly cleaned and maintained. Safety is paramount at such times.

I encourage residents to come out to our Council meetings. Especially this time of year – budget season. We welcome your comments and input. Please also visit our website for grant opportunities for Hanwell organizations. Contact the Clerk for more details on this program. Help us, help you with your organization’s needs.

Here’s to a fantastic fall and winter season!

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# The Founding Family of Hanwell

by Nada Ratmi



Nestled behind a small group of trees toward the far end of Kings Landing Historical Settlement is a tiny cabin that played a huge role in the community of Hanwell's history. The Killeen Cabin has been at Kings Landing since 1974, but it was originally built around 1826 by one of Hanwell's founding families.

Originally from Galway, Ireland, Timothy Killeen and Mary Noonan were hoping to flee poverty. "Times in Ireland were hard. I lived through two rebellions in my youth and the Napoleonic Wars," said Chris Little, the actor who portrays Timothy Killeen at Kings Landing. The state of life in Ireland at the time was daunting. Due to overpopulation in the 18th century, agricultural conflicts were common. In fact, only three acres could be given to each resident. Out of 20 million acres, only thirteen and a half million were fit to be used for farming. The Killeens left with hopes of finding a brighter future in Canada and set their sights on New Brunswick.

When the Killeens reached New Brunswick, they didn't initially settle in Hanwell. They landed in Saint John during the winter of 1822 and stayed with another family. That following September they acquired their first plot of land in Tay Creek, off the Nashwaak River. A few years later that land burnt making it

difficult to farm or build a home. "I did not want to settle on a land that was all burnt. I wanted trees with which I could build a home", said Killeen.

It was after that tragedy that the Killeens set their sights on settling land in Hanwell. However, acquiring land in the area was not easy and took years of negotiating with the provincial government. Killeen joined with about 32 other settlers, including his brother in law, Timothy Noonan, and his friend Michael Harrigan, to form a group called "The Hanwell Settlers". They worked tirelessly to acquire land in the rear of Kingsclear Parish, which would later be called "The Hanwell Settlement". But the land came with various conditions laid out by the Province. After two years, the settlers would have to pay an annual rent of two shillings to the provincial government every summer, after five years, they had to have cleared or fertilized three acres for every fifty acres granted, and after three years, they were required to build a cabin and to have three cattle for every fifty acres of their grant. Lastly, if the ground was fit for agriculture of flax or hemp, they had to grow one of the crops.

In 1826, most of the Hanwell Settlers, including the Killeens, could repay their land grants and start

building their homes. Killeen was given the lot number 25. "I've been given 200 acres of land here but the first few years, I didn't clear enough land to farm," said Killeen. The cabin he and his wife built was of a square and made of logs. Inside, was a large stove, a fireplace, small windows, and a white-wash interior. Two tables were set in the house, for working and eating, and the family slept in beds stuffed with straw. "It's a lovely place and I hope to leave it to my children someday," he said.

While the Killeen Cabin doesn't belong to the family anymore, it is toured and admired by thousands of others who visit Kings Landing each year. When the historical settlement acquired the cabin, it was deemed a significant part of New Brunswick's history. Peter John Stokes, a consulting restoration architect, described the house as "the most complete example of a pioneer dwelling with all characteristics of an early settler's house". It's also what remains of the demanding work and determination of 32 settlers, founding families if you will, who wanted a better life and saw the potential for it in Hanwell. Almost a hundred years later, it's a vision still shared by the nearly five thousand residents who live here today.



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DATE	TIME	WHAT	LOCATION
November 6	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM / 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Clothing Swap	Hanwell Community Church
November 11	10:30 AM	Remembrance Day Ceremony	Station 1, UKFD
November 18	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Community Breakfast	St. James Presbyterian Church
November 19	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Christmas Make and Take Fundraiser	Yoho Lake Scout Lodge
November 26	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Christmas Tree Lighting and Open House	Hanwell Municipal Office
December 3	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Kids Christmas Craft Workshop	Hanwell Municipal Office
December 4	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM / 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Clothing Swap	Hanwell Community Church
December 10	5:45 PM - 7:45 PM	Hanwell's Canada 150 Skate	Aitken University Center
December 16	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Community Breakfast	St. James Presbyterian Church
December 16	7:00 PM	A Service of Comfort & Hope	St. James Presbyterian Church
December 23	6:30 PM	Santa Comes to Station 1	Station 1, UKFD
December 24	4:00 PM & 9:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service	St. James Presbyterian Church
December 24	11:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service	Hanwell Community Church
December 29	2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Hanwell Community Skate	Grant Harvey Center
December 31	11:00 AM	New Year's Eve Service	Hanwell Community Church
January 14	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Ski & Snowshoe Kickoff	Hanwell Recreation Park
January 20	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Community Breakfast	St. James Presbyterian Church
February 3	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Kingswood Frostival	Kingswood
February 5	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM / 5:30 - 8:00 PM	Clothing Swap	Hanwell Community Church

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# HAPPENINGS

DATE	TIME	WHAT	LOCATION
February 9	1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Valentine's Tea	St. James Presbyterian Church
February 13	4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Pancake Supper	St. James Presbyterian Church
<b>WEEKLY</b>			
Sunday	9:30 AM	Breakfast and Adult Sunday School	Hanwell Community Church
Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship	Hanwell Community Church
Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship & Church School	St. James Presbyterian Church
Monday	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Play Group	Hanwell Community Church
Wednesday	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Stitches & Crafts Group	St. James Presbyterian Church
Wednesday	6:15 PM - 7:30 PM	Awana Group	Hanwell Community Church
Wednesday	7:30 PM - 9:30PM	Youth Group	Hanwell Community Church
Wednesday	7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Youth Group	Hanwell Community Church
Wednesday (Sept - June)	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Stitches & Crafts Group	St. James Presbyterian Church
<b>MONTHLY</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of Month	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Hanwell Knitting Group	St. James Presbyterian Church
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Month	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Ladies Guild	St. James Presbyterian Church
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Month	6:30 PM	Council Meeting	Hanwell Municipal Office
1 <sup>st</sup> Friday & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Month		Recycling	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Month	7:00 PM	Hanwell Star Gazing	Hanwell



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# HAVE YOU HEARD...



## PARKS

The Hanwell Recreation Park has experienced a very busy year. Thanks to our two summer students, Alec Parker and Alex Lemmon, much was accomplished.

They concentrated on the first loop cleaning out a lot of brush along the trail and chipping the smaller logs and branches. They also replaced four of the bridges on the other two trails and filled in some of the wet areas with rock and gravel.

Special thanks goes out to Maritime & Northeast Pipeline. Stephanie More and her crew spent a day chipping and cleaning up debris along the ridge trail. They were a very impressive crew to work with, accomplished a lot in a brief time. Maritime & Northeast Pipeline also donated \$1000 towards the park. - **Dave Morrison, Parks Chair**

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## GRAND OPENING OF THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

October brought the Grand Opening of the Interactive Outdoor Classroom in our Hanwell Recreation Park. Families had the opportunity to explore the trails, compete in scavenger hunts, enjoy some treats, and explore the amazing resources that the outdoor classroom offers. Have you ever wondered what lives in your back yard? What kind of footprints are those in the dirt? Where do bugs live? These questions are just a few of the answers you can find by taking an adventure in the Interactive Outdoor Classroom. This project was brought to you by the RC of Hanwell, HCDA, and TD Friends of the Environment and Environmental Trust.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR ANNUAL LET'S GET PUMPED SEPTIC PUMPING CAMPAIGN!

### THE FOUR WINNERS ARE:

Clark Hamilton - Lud-San Enterprises  
Richard Ward - Rural Community of Hanwell  
Carla Howell - Nicholson's Waste Management  
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# CONGRATULATIONS, SUSAN CASSIDY!

As many of you know, Susan Cassidy was Hanwell's first Mayor. Recently she was recognized by Hanwell Rotary during their first Paul Harris Fellow recognition evening gala. Susan's passion for Hanwell and its residents continues as she works with such an important organization. Thank you, Susan. Thank you for all you've done for our community and we are excited to see what you are up to next!



## FIRE STATION

We are excited to see our fire station coming along so well. The plan sees it opening in mid-December. Some of you may be wondering why it is situated the way it is on the lot. It is quite simple. As Hanwell grows and prospers, so too will the fire station. It is built to the far right of the lot to allow for future expansion. It will be a proud moment for us when we stand alongside the Upper Kingsclear Fire Department and the Province of New Brunswick as we cut the ribbon! Watch our website for further details.

# WINTER LIGHTS CONTEST 2017

## A HOLIDAY CONTEST TO BOOST COMMUNITY SPIRIT

### Eligibility:

Contest Participants must be residents of the Rural Community of Hanwell. Please note, to allow for new prize winners to be selected each year, the first prize winner will not be permitted to enter the contest in the subsequent year.

### How to Enter:

There is no entry fee to participate in the Winter Lights Contest. Entries are available at the municipal office (1757 Route 640, Unit #5) or by contacting the office at 460-1177. Entries must be submitted no later than Thursday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

### What Can I Win?

Prizes will be awarded as follows (gift cards from the Hanwell Village Mart):

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$100 • 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$75  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$50**

### Winter Lights

### Contest Judging:

On the weekend of Dec 8-10th the judges will judge all eligible entries based on the criteria below and winners will be selected and notified.

- Amount of Lights and/or Features: 10 points
- Color Scheme or Theme: 10 points
- Originality: 10 points
- Balance of Display: 10 points
- Good Working Order: 10 points

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