



IN THE NEWS

Empowering people with disabilities since 1973.

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New Musical in the Works at Bonny Lea Farm

If you liked *"Something's in the Air"* last year, you'll love this year's production of *"Juke Box Musical"*.



Actors backstage at last year's "Something's in the Air"

Participants at Bonny Lea Farm are gearing up to hit the stage once again to push their boundaries, learn new skills and be in the spotlight!

The cast has begun rehearsing twice a week with director and playwright, Cynthia Myers. Instead of taking the stage at the Chester Playhouse, this production will be hosted at Bonny Lea Farm in late April.

From country to rock, the cast will perform classics, sprinkled with a script full of wit and humour.

Plan to come to this "pay what you can" show on April 25.

You'll be glad you did!

"We need to do another play."
- Debbie, participant

BONNY LEA FARM 2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL 25	Juke Box Musical
JUNE 6	Annual Plant Sale & Breakfast
JUNE 7	Team Bonny Lea Farm - Cut 'n Run
AUGUST 2	Lobster Lover's Feast
SEPTEMBER 13	Annual Benefit Golf Tournament

It's About Purpose, Meaning & Fulfilment



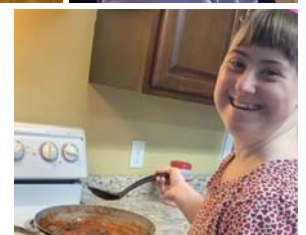
When Bonnie is happy you know it - from the smile that can light up a room, to her singing along with the radio, and a big hello to anyone who walks by. Lately, she has been smiling and humming a lot. One of her goals for the past year was to change work crews and try out the Kitchen Crew in the morning. Bonnie helps prep morning snack and lunch and sets the tables. She says she couldn't be happier.

Last month we told you about our new line of gift tags and greeting cards. In her recent IPP Ashley has said that she would like to make cards in the Small Contracts Crew. She especially likes adding the glitter.



If you visited The Shop on Central last fall you may have met Kathy. When she first said she would like to work at The Shop, she said she only wanted to stock shelves and clean. But before long, she wanted to learn how to serve customers, make coffee and ring in their purchases. For the coming year Kathy has set herself the goal of improving her cash handling skills. Way to go Kathy!

Memories Gallery



Top to Bottom—Floyd and the rest of the 2008 Special Olympic Curling Team were inducted in to the Sports Wall of Fame along with other local athletes at The Park's 50th Anniversary Celebrations. Rose shows one of her brailled tags on a lobster trap built in our Workshop. Liz dancing at our Valentine's party. Debbie made the best of a snow day! Tom and Grayson and Dan playing bingo. Laurie Anne wants to learn more recipes. So she is!



SMILE Fund - THE SMILE REPORT

Support for More Individualized Life Experiences

During 2019-2020 five participants applied to and received funding support from the SMILE fund. Here are a few highlights.

Morgan really wanted to go to Las Vegas. When we explored what it was about Vegas that intrigued her, she explained that she wanted to go to a casino and see an Elvis impersonator. So, when staff saw that Elvis was coming to Casino Nova Scotia they asked Morgan if this might be a workable and more affordable alternative. Morgan gave an enthusiastic "Yes!" Together they completed an application to Bonny Lea Farm's SMILE Fund for cost sharing. The application was successful and off they went. By all reports Morgan had a great time!

The power of magic and friendship led Nancy to apply to the SMILE Fund to help cover the cost of attending the Nova Scotia Symphony's presentation of Harry Potter last fall together with Harry Potter fan Jan. Accompanied by a staff member, the two friends took in the show at the Scotiabank Centre.

As Josh goes about his day, he often has earphones on listening to his favourite music. So, last spring when he found out that one of his favourite performers was going to be in Nova Scotia, he set going to the concert as one of his personal goals. With a boost from the SMILE Fund, Josh and a staff member went to the 90s House Party in Truro featuring Vanilla Ice. Not only did Josh go to the concert, he was in the VIP area, took a selfie with the star and spent the night in a hotel. To complete the magic, the hotel was managed by the son of a former Bonny Lea Farm Board Member!

The SMILE Fund is a donor supported fund created to provide a source of funding from which participants can apply to receive support to achieve an important life experience.

thank you!

You make a difference in the lives of the people who live and work here at Bonny Lea Farm, by empowering them to learn, grow and succeed.