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Trinity Bight Enterprise

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September 2026

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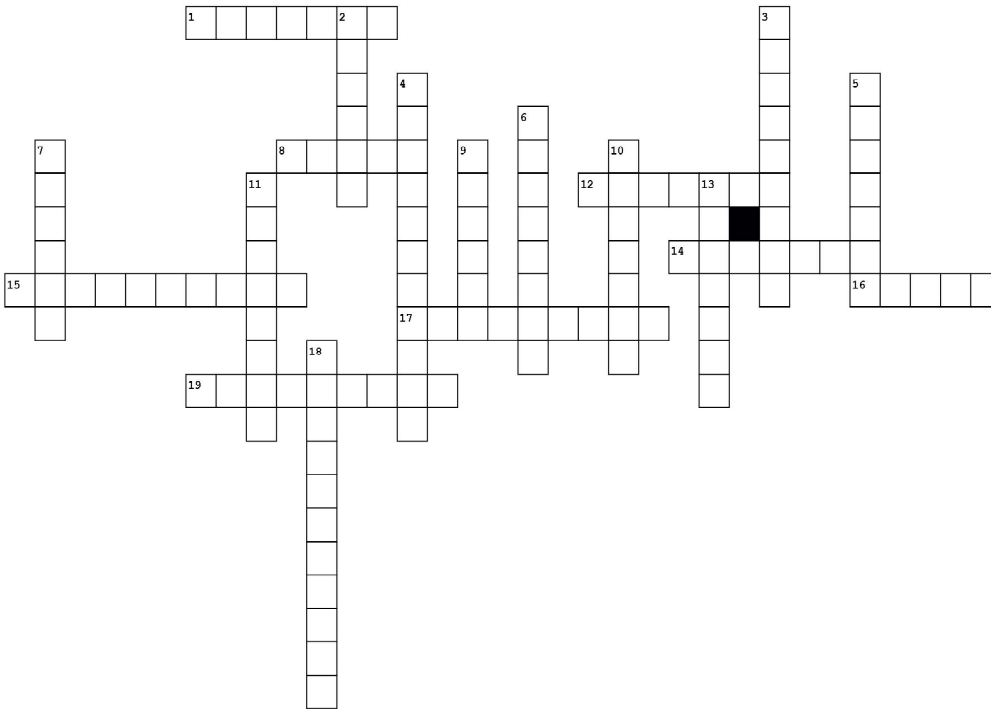
Parish of Trinity – Port Rexton

Service Schedule – September 6th – September 27th, 2026.

September 6 th Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 23) (Green)	11:00 A.M. St. Paul's (Trinity) 7:00 P.M. St. John The Evangelist (New Bonaventure)	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer
September 13 th Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 24) (Green)	11:00 P.M. Church Of The Good Shepherd (Dunfield) 7:00 P.M. St. Clement's (Champney's West)	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer
September 20 th Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 25) (Green)	11:00 A.M. Christ Church (Port Rexton) 7:00 P.M. St. Matthew's (Trouty)	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
September 27 th Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 26) (Green)	11:00 A.M. St. John The Evangelist (New Bonaventure) 7:00 P.M. St. Paul's (Trinity)	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer

Notice: Rev. John will be on holidays from September 20th until October 4th, 2026.
In case of a Pastoral emergency call Hedley Johnson @ 464 2025 or
Stan Hogarth @ 464 2278.

September 2026



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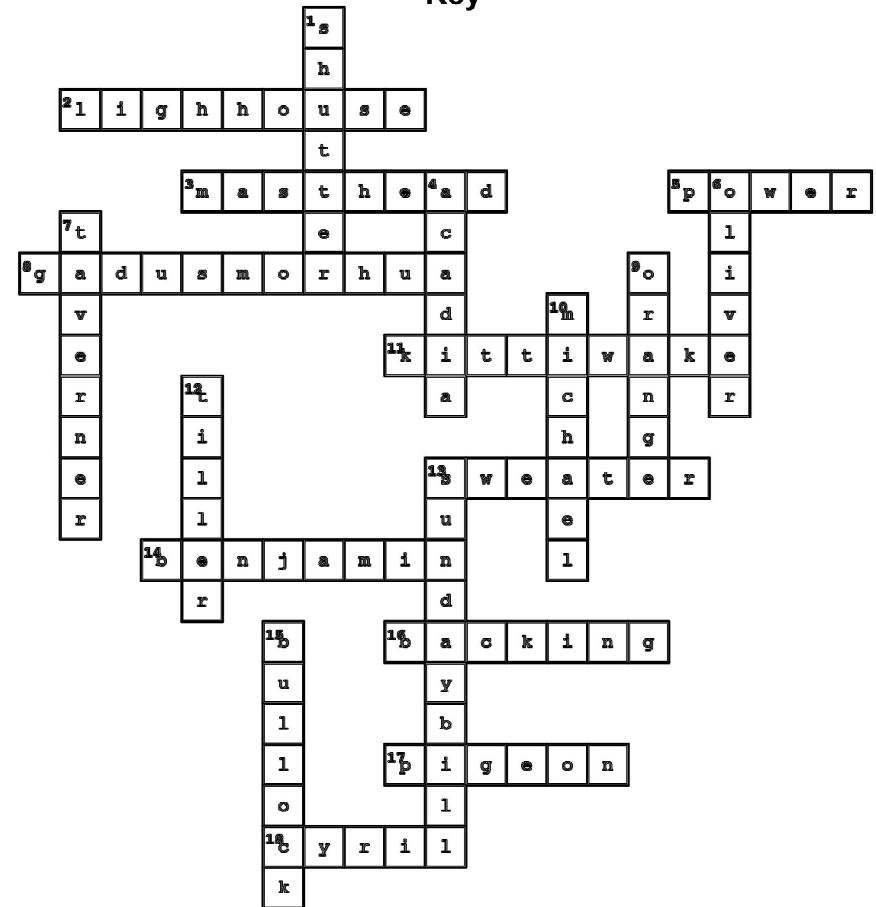
1. A house size piece of Arctic ice.
8. Port Rexton Brewery had its _____ anniversary this year.
12. When are the Joe Batt's Arm longliners coming home?
14. A lunch eaten in NL at 11AM.
15. The Sons of _____ was an association formed in Trinity in 1869.
16. In "We'll Rant and We'll Roar" on which Newfoundland coast is Toslow located?
17. From what land mass do NL icebergs originate.
19. Another name for a flying jib on a schooner.

Down

2. _____ Hunt was an Anglican minister born in Trinity in 1888.
3. The Loyal Trinity _____ Rangers were a Trinity militia organization during the war of 1812.
4. The first speaker of the first NL House of Assembly was _____ Garland from Trinity.
5. What religious affiliation of the White merchants of Trinity in the 1700s.
6. The common corporal punishment for theft or assault in the 1700s.
7. Trinity barbour and cobbler in the 1950s.
9. First name of Mrs. Frank Ploughman of Trinity.
10. John _____ was the methodist priest tarred and feathered by sailors in 1780.
11. Surname of the owners of Warblers on the southside of Trinity harbour.
13. Another name for a whiskey jack.
18. The present St. Paul's was _____ in 1894.

August 2026

Key



Across

2. The navigation aid on Ragged Island.
3. What lights are visible on the Joe Batt's Arm longliners?
5. Mrs. _____ donated the bell located next to the Catholic church.
8. The scientific name for a codfish.
11. Tickle-ace is a NL name for a _____.
13. A guernsey is another name for a _____.
14. _____ Miller operated a sawmill on Lockston Brook in 1875.
16. The term that describes a counterclockwise change in wind direction.
17. NL name for a black guillemot.
18. _____ Hiscock "jumped ship" from the Marion Rogers before her fatal voyage.

Down

1. The pastry in "The Trinity Cake" was as hard as a _____.
4. The most common make-and-break engines were Atlantic and _____.
6. Sam's surname in "All Around the Circle."
7. The maiden name of Benjamin Lester's wife.
9. The _____ Hall was located next to St. Paul's School in Trinity.
10. Fox Bay is located between _____ Head and Fox Head in Champneys.
12. A wooden stick used to steer a motor boat.
13. The nickname of the Hiscock brother who lived in Hiscock House in the 1950s and 1960s.
15. Who wrote the sermon preached at the consecration of the present St. Paul's church?

Sherwood SUITES & MOTEL

Sherwood Suites and Motel are seeking the public's interest in winter housing in the Trinity Bight area.

We are currently collecting names of people who would be interested in seasonal housing from November until the end of May. The housing would include all furnishings in the bedrooms and living room and a fully equipped kitchen; cable television; internet; snow clearing and access to a laundromat. The occupant will be required to pay rent (to be determined) as well as utility and phone bill.

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Trinity Historical Society awards Loyal Trinity Volunteer Ranger Award to Tineke Gow

On Thursday, August 13 before the start of the weekly Summer Seminar Series the Trinity Historical Society (THS) awarded the Loyal Trinity Volunteer Ranger Award to Tineke Gow .

In the nomination of her mother and business partner, Marieke Gow, said the following *"....in recognition of her exceptional and sustained contribution to the preservation, presentation and promotion of Trinity's collective heritage. For more than 35 years, Tineke has demonstrated that historic preservation is not limited to protecting buildings from demolition. It also requires finding meaningful and sustainable ways for those buildings to remain part of the community. Through the restoration and stewardship of several important Trinity properties, she has helped preserve the architectural character of the town while allowing residents and visitors to experience its history firsthand."*

Kris Drodge as a member of the THS Board presented Tineke with the award and said in his remarks *"For more than thirty-five years, Tineke Gow has shown us that historic preservation means more than saving a building from the wrecking ball. It means finding real, lasting ways for that building to stay part of the life of a community. Through her restoration and stewardship of Trinity's most treasured properties, she has helped preserve the architectural character of this town — while giving residents and visitors alike the chance to experience its history firsthand."*



Giving the award to Tineke speaks truly to the mandate of Trinity Historical Society - To Preserve, Present & Promote - and a very worthy candidate as a recipient.

To learn more about the Loyal Trinity Volunteer Ranger Award and past recipients please visit this link -

<https://www.trinityhistoricalsociety.com/scholarships.html>



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September 19th 2026

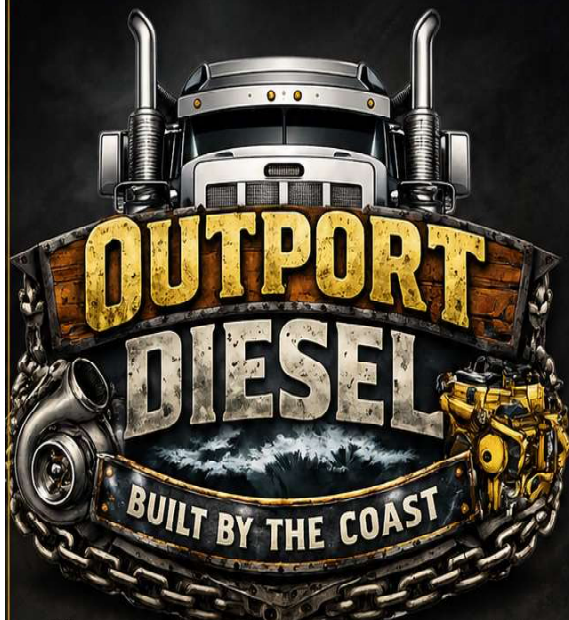


Where: Terra Nova Golf Resort, Port Blandford
When: Saturday, September 19th, 2026 at 10:30am
Format: Best Ball (4-5 person teams)

Food & Prizes

Remember to tell your friends

For more information on participating as well as becoming an event sponsor, please contact **Dean** at **709-464-3599** or **info@trinityhistoricalsociety.com**



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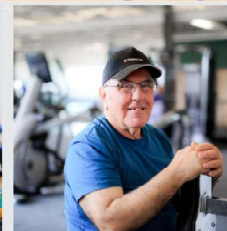
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Note of Thanks

The Family of the late Minnie Rex wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to everyone who sent along messages of condolences, food, cards and shared memories. It has been a true source of strength during our time of sorrow.

Special thank you to the staff of Golden Heights Manor who provided such compassionate care to mom in her final days. To the Port Rexton Area Lions Club for hosting an after service tea, to Clint Hanson for stepping up on short notice to provide us with his musical talents and to Vardy's Funeral Home whose professionalism was second to none. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,
The Rex Family



Trinity Festival 2026 Beer and Crackers Contest

The 43rd annual famous Trinity Festival Beer and Crackers Contest was held at Rocky's Place on the evening of August 15th, 2026, as part of Trinity Festival. The first full weekend Trinity Festival was held in 1984, and the first Beer and Crackers Contest was listed in the schedule of events as illustrated on the accompanying page. This bulletin outlined teams of four in the categories: ladies, men's, and mixed. Two teams in each category compete at the same time. The object of this relay contest is for each contestant to chug a glass of beer, then place four crackers in the mouth, and then whistle in the judge's ear. When the judge hears the whistle, he/she taps the next team member's shoulder and that next team member performs the same tasks. When the fourth team member whistles into the judge's ear, that completes the recorded time for that team. The team with the best time wins in that category. The team with the fastest time is the winner of the contest. Over the years there have been many rivalries between families and friends. The spectators enthusiastically cheer on their favourites.

The members of this years teams were:

Mens:

Team 1:	Team 2:	Team 3:	Team 4:
Luke Vokey	Cole Barnes	Tyson Miller	Mark Kane
Ty McAlpine	Brett Boone	Ryan Locke	Travis Jones
Tyler Whelan	Matthew Bailey	Nick Bailey	Chris LeCour
Lindsey Oliver	Todd Hayley	Andrew Morris	Kris Drodge

The fastest time in the Men's Category was Team 2 at 1 minute 29.68 seconds

Womens:

Team 1:	Team 2:
Norma Toope	Danielle Lethbridge
Leigh Kane	Kayla Jones
Emily Bailey	Keshia Bailey
Cheyenne Spurrell	Aryn Marsh

The winning team in the women's category was Team 1 with a time of 1 minute, 24.85 seconds.

Mixed:

Team 1:	Team 2:
Mark Kane	Kathryn Johnson
Leigh Kane	Travis Jones
Cheyenne Spurrell	Matthew Bailey
Kevin Toope	Keshia Bailey

The winning team in the mixed category was Team 1 with a time of 1 minute, 17.73 seconds.

The overall winning team was Team 1 in the mixed category (Mark Kane, Leigh Kane, Cheyenne Spurrell, and Kevin Toope) at 1 minute, 17.73 seconds.

Oral history is that winning times of less than 1 minute were common in the past. If you have any interesting facts about the contest please send them along to: programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com.

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Trinity Festival Beer and Cracker Contest

Most local people are very aware of the infamous Trinity Festival beer and cracker contest, here are some interesting facts which some may not know.

The first full weekend Trinity Festival started in 1984, which listed the very first beer and cracker contest in the festivals bulletin which can be seen below. It listed teams of four... Ladies – Gents and Mixed. The object of this relay game is to chug a full beer, place 4 crackers in your mouth and try to whistle in a judge's ear, before the next person will continue with the same process. The first four people to complete this task is considered the winner of the round. The fastest time in each division are considered the overall winner. Over the years there have been many welcoming rivalries between families and friends to win this iconic title.

If you have any interesting facts, information or photos you would like to share with us from this event please send them along to programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com for us to hold in our collection.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday - July 20

EVENTS AT THE PARISH HALL

6:30 PM **OPENING CEREMONIES**

- ◆ 6:45 PM Beautiful Baby Contest
- ◆ 7:30 PM Junior Prince & Princess Contest
- ◆ 8:00 PM Senior Prince & Princess Contest
- ◆ 8:30 PM Miss Trinity-Festival Selection
- 9:15 PM Teenage Dance

There will be a small admission charge. Refreshments will be available on the first floor. Chaperons will be provided.

◆ (Open only to residents of the Municipal area of Trinity, Goose Cove.)

Saturday - July 21

1:00 PM Start of
Dory Races
Sack Races
Three Legged Race
Tug-of-War
Log Throwing
Log Sawing

These events will run from 1:00 PM to 4:30 P.M. allowing competitors to rotate through all events.

PARISH HALL AREA

1:00 PM Best Decorated Bike Contest

4:30 PM **ROCKY'S PLACE**
(Adults only)
Beer & Crackers Contest
Teams of four ...
Ladies - Gents - Mixed

FISH AND BREWIS ...
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JULY 20, 21, 22

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🍁 JUDGING: **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4**

🍁 WINNERS ANNOUNCED: **OCTOBER 4**

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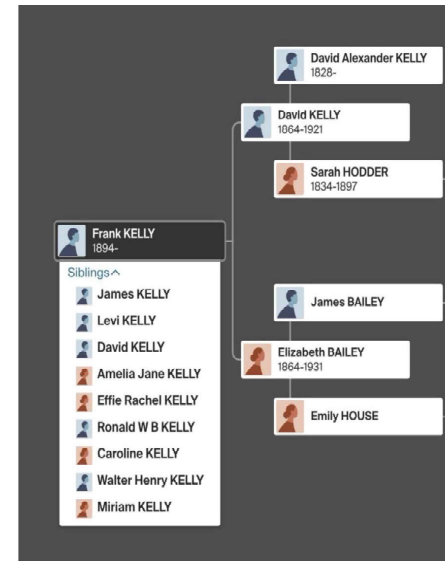
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R. Coape, J. Morris, Eds.

In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of Francis (Frank) Kelly of Black Duck Cove, Ireland's Eye. The population of Black Duck Cove, as recorded in the 1921 census, was 32 individuals.

As always, the THS welcomes application for membership from anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the Society.



Family Tree

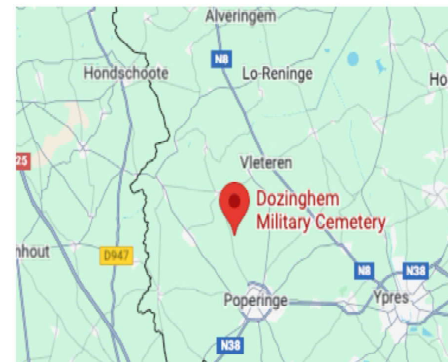


Francis Kelly



Francis, the son of David Kelly and Elizabeth Bailey, was born at Black Duck Cove on July 7th, 1894. He enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on May 2nd, 1916. He was killed in action on August 14th, 1917. He was 23.

Francis embarked for England on-board S. S. Sicilian on July 19th, 1916. After training he joined the Regiment in France on October 22nd, 1916. He was admitted to hospital in France with influenza on January 24th, 1917, and was later invalided to Wandsworth Hospital in London. After recovery he rejoined the battalion on June 19th, 1917. He was wounded in the face, ankle, hand, abdomen, and thigh by shellfire on August 13th, 1917 and died the next day. He was interred in Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium.



Burial Location



Gravestone