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We are celebrating Albert County's 175th Anniversary in 2020 and we want you to join us! The Albert County Historical Society, with support of the Federal and Provincial Governments, is pleased to announce the 175th Anniversary of Albert County which will be taking place throughout the year with a series of landmark events. Join us at the kick-off as we host a New Year's Levee on Saturday, January 4th with Albert MLA, Minister Mike Holland. The event is taking place at Broadleaf Guest Ranch (5526 Route 114, Hopewell Hill, NB) from 1pm to 4pm. Admission is free and there will be food & drink, live music and sleigh rides - bring your snowshoes! Learn more by visiting AC175.ca.

In 1845 Albert County was established from parts of Westmorland and Saint John Counties, by a proclamation signed by Queen Victoria - when she was only 26 years old! Albert County, now home to 30,000 people, includes Riverview and hugs the shores of the Petitcodiac River to the Bay of Fundy and includes some of the most iconic treasures in New Brunswick - the beautiful Fundy National Park, the Hopewell Rocks, Cape Enrage and inland areas stretching beyond Caledonia Mountain in all directions.

"The Albert County 175 celebration in 2020 is an exciting opportunity for our Historical Society to promote an awareness and pride of the rich heritage and history of Albert County", says Board President, Dawne McLean. "Every community in Albert County has inherited valuable knowledge and priceless stories that need to be shared and preserved for future generations. Let's join together in the celebration of Albert County's 175th anniversary to strengthen our sense of community and appreciation of our past!"

Over the course of the year, we will be hosting events, lectures, live music and celebrations in every parish in the county. Highlights will include the 150th Birthday of New Brunswick born Prime Minister RB Bennett on July 1st, a special festival with live music on August 8th at the Albert County Museum, and other events featuring local artisans, food & drink, and home-grown musical talent!

A unique mobile exhibit is being created so that we can tell the amazing stories of the Land, Sea and People of Albert County, who helped Canada become a nation, created CBC radio, helped win WWI, formed one of the nation's beloved National Parks and live near the world's highest tides. Spanning 175 years, from 1845 to 2020, the interactive display will be travelling to the county's schools, businesses, festivals and events and we are thankful to NB Tourism, Heritage and Culture for their support of this project.

This event is presented by the Albert County Historical Society and is supported by the Governments of Canada and New Brunswick, and is supported by the Albert County Tourism Association, Friends of Fundy, and many local community partners. Learn more at AC175.ca or by calling 506-734-2003 or email ac175@albertcountymuseum.com.

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