

Fiddlers' Do in Wentworth



Diana Ryan, daughter of Henry and Jean Moore, plays old-time music on her violin during Music Afternoon at the Wentworth Recreation Centre held the last Sunday of each month (except December). Diana plays jigs, reels, waltzes, polkas, hop-polkas and fox trots to an audience of dancers and watchers. (Carolyn Swallow Photo)

By Hope Bridgewater

One of the best ways to spend an afternoon is at the Fiddlers' Do at the Wentworth Recreation Centre the last Sunday in the month (except

December) from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. As one enters the hall, it is evident that this building is a superb place to play music on stage and to dance on the large area of

hardwood floor.

The musicians on stage, usually led by a fiddler and accompanied by piano, guitars and drums, play old-time music, Don Messer style, and couples are on the floor dancing free-style (not in formalized square dancing groups) to reels, jigs, waltzes, polkas, hop-polkas and fox trots.

At times an accordion or saxophone or banjo or singer will lead. This music has a spiritual and emotional appeal because of its honesty and sincerity: it lifts your soul and makes one glad to be alive. As master of ceremony, Charles Patriquin, says on occasion about the music, "If that doesn't start your fire, what will?"

The atmosphere in the hall is one of friendship and bonding. Those who come alone can find someone to dance with, and couples are willing to share a partner. Over the years the hall has had people

coming from many places in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick: Alma, Amherst, Bass River, Bedford, Camden, Cape Pele, Collingwood, Cook's Brook, Dartmouth, Debert, Durham, Economy, Eureka, Glenholme, Green Oaks, Halifax, Lantz, Malagash, Moncton, Musquodoboit, New Glasgow, River John, Pictou, Plymouth, Fort Lawrence, Pubnico, River John, Shubenacadie, Sackville (N.B. & N.S.), Stellarton, Stewiacke, Tatamagouche, Truro, Victoria, Wallace, Wentworth, Williamsdale, and Windsor. In the summer, we welcome visitors from across Canada and the United States.

The entire program is done with volunteers: the people at the door asking for a voluntary donation to help with the hall's upkeep, the workers in the kitchen and all the musicians. The people who come each bring a voluntary lunch and the kitchen workers combine these lunches which they serve for free at 4 p.m.

Colchester Trefoil Guild Notes

By Goldie Chisholm

The first meeting of 2011 was held at the home of Goldie Chisholm on February 21st. The program centered around "Thinking Day" which is observed on February 22nd. Just seven members were in attendance due to sickness and other commitments.

One of the members had received Thinking day greetings from our associate member, Frances Marsh in England. It's always nice to hear from Frances. Another contact had been made inquiring about our oldest member, Marie Eaton, who is a resident of Marilyn's Home Care in Brookfield. Marie would enjoy having Trefoil visitors.

We were very saddened to lose one of our faithful members, Helen Porter. A memori-

al will be sent in her memory to the Chief Commissioners Scholarship Fund. On a happier note, another member, Eleanor Teed, will be celebrated her 85th birthday on March 5. An open house was held at Parkland Estates, where she is a resident.

The program took the form of a Guide History quiz and puzzle, which tested us on our former Guiding days. Following lunch each member lighted a candle that was lit from a candle that had been lit at campfire by Lady Baden Powell. As members lighted their candle they repeated a remembrance of Guiding. A nice keepsake.

The March meeting was held on the 21st with the program centering around Garden Planning.

Glooscap Hertiage Centre to Expand

MP Scott Armstrong recently announced an investment of \$86,000 in the Glooscap Heritage Centre. The federal funding will help the Glooscap Heritage Society add new features to the facili-

ty, such as an interpretive garden, and expand the programming available to visitors.

The Glooscap Heritage Centre opened in June, 2006, and features artifacts and displays representative of Mi'kmaq

culture and traditions. The Heritage Society is a partnership between the Millbrook Economic Development Corporation and the Central Nova Tourist Association.

The Government of Canada's investment of \$86,000 is being provided

through ACOA's Innovative Communities Fund (ICF). The Glooscap Heritage Society will contribute \$86,458 to the project. Other contributors include the Colchester Regional Development Agency (\$1,000) and Home Depot (\$5,000).

Londonderry Community Council News

By Sally Richard

What tragedies we have witnessed in the world during the past few weeks. The loss of life in northern Africa in their quest for freedom, the tragic earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand and the horrible destructive earthquake/tsunamis/volcano/nuclear disaster in Japan followed by a snowstorm. It is a different world we live in when we can witness war right on the battlefield and the most horrific disasters televised into the comfort of our homes - not fantasy but for real. It certainly puts life into perspective. Be grateful for our beautiful vast country of Canada, our picturesque province and our unique rural communities that are so peaceful and distant from these disasters and wars.

The Council held a meeting on March 20 mainly to plan for the Fire Brigade's banquet on April 9. Other business was discussed including changing our meeting night from the first Sunday evening of the month to the first Thursday evening of the month. Because of the banquet our annual pork supper was moved to May 1.

On March 13, the Casey family of Londonderry Station held a family birthday party for their mother Ruth at the Community Center. Belated birthday wishes to Ruth from the Council and also to Margaret Barnes and Shep Scott who celebrated their special day with family. Robert (Bobby) Matheson has been laid up with severe back problems since January. He will undergo surgery in Halifax soon. Bobby mentioned that his moose hunting partner Lloyd Bogle is now in rehab in Pictou as he recovers from a stroke suffered last fall. Our sympathy is extended to Stella Matheson on the death of her brother who passed away in New Brunswick on March 19.

Tammy (Ryan) and Danny Garnhum and son of Glenholme vacationed in Cuba during March break. Tammy and Danny's son Brent, a member of the shooting team 2928 Army Cadets, Truro, also went to Quebec to compete with other cadet teams.

Edward and Carlotta (Priest) Langille are on their honeymoon in Puna Cana, Dominican Republic. Nancy

(Langille) Matthews and daughter Sara McGill are also vacationing there at the same time but at a different resort. Sandra Wesley and her daughter are vacationing in the Cuban area. Charlotte and Reid MacVicar recently enjoyed a cruise out of Fort Lauderdale, Florida to Haiti and Mexico. Congratulations to Amanda Mattix and Jeff MacRae on the birth of their daughter Ericka Lillian on March 16, sister to Patricia

and granddaughter to Peggy and Danny Mattix.

Our monthly meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm. The meeting in May will be our annual meeting with election of officers. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate. New members are needed. Card parties are held on Monday nights at 7 pm. Tea, coffee, cheese and donuts are served. Call Amanda Langille for hall rental inquiries at 668-2300.

Bass River Heritage Society Notes

By Denise Gilley

The snow is quickly melting which means easier access to our museum so we'll soon be doing a good clean up for Spring and dusting out the cobwebs. We've had several new members join the Heritage Society and we hope to put their talents

to good use this season with some new information and displays being showcased.

We're planning our Annual Easter Egg Hunt again this year. It will be held the Saturday before Easter, watch for posters with more details. Our next meeting will be April 11th @6:30pm.

NEWS FROM THE PAST

Business Booming in Bass River - January 23, 1947

"We would like to see a laundry, shoe maker, and tinsmith set up business here," said Mr. Smith. "We need street lights, a rest room for our bus service. We have lots of people who travel by bus, but when the Company store is closed, there is no place for them to wait."

Mr. Smith went on to say that the village hoped to have a bank branch opened in the near future. "The town has a fire engine," said Mr. Smith sadly, "But what good is a fire engine without a fire company?"

Apparently there are opportunities in the thriving little village for younger men as Angus Corbett is doing well making wooden novelties. All the churches report finances in good shape. During 1946 Russell Weatherbee established a new garage and service station on Main Street, on the east end of the village.

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TENDER

The Cobequid Veterans Memorial Park is receiving tenders for the 2011 season. Work is anticipated from mid-April until November 15, 2011.

TENDER # 1:

Grass mowing, trimming park area, including entrance, side and rear of park.

TENDER # 2:

Maintain three gardens within the park, weeding, repairs, trimming, and watering.

TENDER # 3

Tender # 3 is combination of Tenders #1 and #2.

Tenders will also include general clean-up to the gardens and surrounding park prior to May 1, 2011, as dictated by the spring season.

Completed tenders must be received by Friday, April 8, 2011 at 4:30 pm.

FOR TENDER DOCUMENTS AND SCOPE OF WORK CONTACT:

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