

# Reunited with Lost Medals

By Linda Harrington

Thirty-two years ago Ed Murphy lost all his service medals from the Second World War during a house fire.

Walter Millen, a local military historian and collector, who attends many Military Collectables Show and Sales, says Mr. Murphy often mentioned the loss of his medals. "He mentioned a couple times if I ever saw a set of medals at the shows to pick them up for him, but when I told him what they would cost, he said for me to never mind, that he didn't need them that bad" says Walter Millen.

Mr. Millen has gotten a few sets of medals back to their owners over the years and when he comes across medals anywhere



Barbara Millen recently presented Ed Murphy with a replacement set of War Medals at the Legion Hall in Great Village. Her father, Walter Millen, purchased the medals, had them mounted and then donated them to Mr. Murphy. (Submitted)

he always try's to see if he can find the rightful owner.

The loss of Ed Murphy's medals was something that bothered Millen and when none turned up in the shows, he decided to do something about it. He ordered a set online directly from Ottawa, and had them mounted.

"Bev Morse, mounted the medals for Ed and didn't charge anything. He said it was a gift from one old merchant seaman to another," laughs Walter.

Ed Murphy, who was originally from Newfoundland, served 7 years in the Merchant Navy and the medals he lost included a 1939-45 Service Star, the Atlantic Star, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the Canadian War Medal. Medals are only awarded once in a lifetime and if they are lost or destroyed a recipient must pay \$25 each to replace them.

Walter Millen's daughter Barbara presented the medals to a very emotional Ed Murphy at the Jam Session held at the Great Village Legion on March 6th. He was overjoyed to receive such a wonderful gift.



Walter Millen recently donated a set of War Medals to Ed Murphy, of Debert, who lost his original medals in a fire 32 years ago. (Submitted)

# Cavanaugh's Excavating – Ready For Spring...



By Debbie Brown

Cavanaugh and Son Excavating Ltd., is located on 333 Laybolt Road Extension in North River.. They provide a number of services to assist businesses and residents with excavating and trucking. Product lines include: mulch, slate rock, gravel and topsoil.

With spring coming, many residents want to maintain, upgrade or create a great looking property with curbside appeal. Topsoil for a new lawn,

gravel and stone for walkways or mulch to enhance trees and shrubs help to beautify surroundings.

Cavanaugh's has a variety of colours of mulch. The advantages of using mulch are: increases visual appeal, helps to enrich the soil, provides moisture and assists with weed control. Look for mulch and other product seasonal specials throughout the spring and summer.

In addition, they deliver small and large loads.

# Shine Factory Offers Shuttle Service

By Debbie Brown

Since 1992, Shine Factory, located at 204 Robie Street in Truro, has been keeping vehicles protected and looking their best in all kinds of climates. "We are the number one in protection and detail says," Tim Devouge, owner of the Shine Factory.

"The month of April marks our grand reopening. People will appreciate the regular services such as undercoating,

recondition, automotive protection and detail. Also, we are very excited to introduce a new product called "Shine X", a paint renewal system for vehicles. It provides a permanent application of clear coat to treat scuffs, scratches and swirl marks. Your automobile or truck will look like new."

As part of the reopening, look for upcoming events, specials and happenings as the re-opening is celebrated.

To get started, we have a fantastic offer for customers, a Full Interior Detail with Shine and a one year clear coat starting at \$99. Ask us about details, said Tim.

The Shine Factory services commercial vehicles, motor homes, and trailers. The company is focusing on increasing its amount of fleet work. With everyone busy, the company offers a shuttle service so those working in town. They

can drop off their vehicle and get a ride to work or home.

Cathy Proctor, our detail manager, brings over 20 years' experience to the business and treats everyone like family. In his concluding remarks, Tim Devouge said, "With years of dedication and professional service, we take pride in protecting your vehicle. Your investment matters to us. Drop in today and speak to our professionals concerning your investment."

# April Church Services at Debert United

By Christine Urquhart

Church Services for the month of April will all be at 10 am and all still in Debert United.

Beginning the first Sunday in May services will resume rotating between our three Churches, starting out with Glenholme.

Our Presbytery appointed minister is Rev. Carolyn Rushton and she can be reached by calling the Church office at 902-662-2617.



The system is now set up to have calls forwarded to her cell phone. She will do her best to help you with any problems.

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