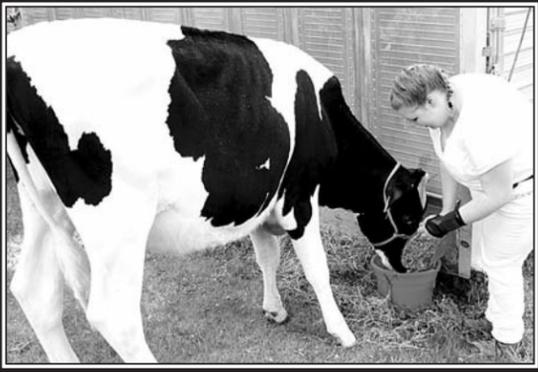


## PHOTO FEATURE

Clifton 4-H Achievement Day, July 18th at Old Barns United Church  
(Harrington Photos)



Ella McCurdy feeds her Holstein calf a bit of beet pulp prior to her Summer Yearling and Senior Showmanship Class at the Clifton 4-H Achievement Day.



Clifton 4-H Club Achievement Day was held on Saturday, July 18th at Old Barns United Church. The Dog Showmanship class is shown taking place here.



4-H members Jillian Hill-McMillan and Mary Larade enjoy looking at the goats with 2 year old Maverick Tipping at Clifton 4-H Achievement Day.



Senior Rabbit Confirmation Class at Clifton 4-H Achievement Day (left to right)- Jacqueline Sherri, Luke Hendsbee, Judge- Barry Bent, Hannah Murphy, Emily Smith, Arielle Bowser.

## Noah Tremblay Participates in Quanto's Law Unveiling

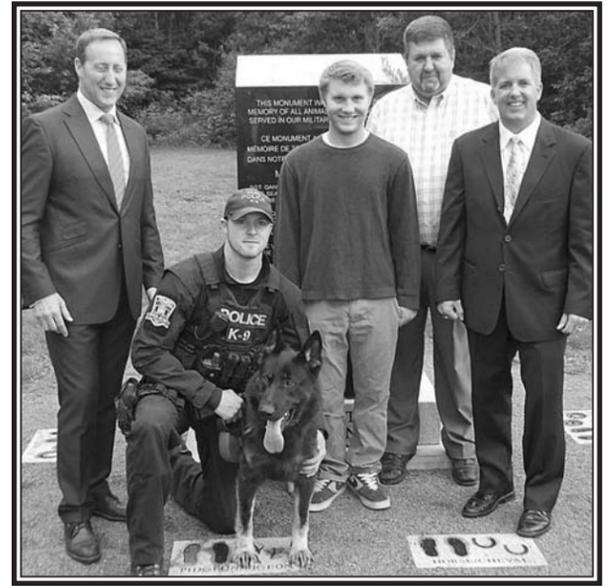
By Maurice Rees

Veteran's Memorial Park, Bass River, which is also home to the "Forgotten Hero's" monument which was erected following the initiative of Noah Tremblay was the setting chosen on July 22nd to celebrate a new law aimed at denouncing and deterring the wilful harming of animals trained and being used to help police protect public safety and keep communities safe.

Also referred to as the Service Animal Monument in memory of service animals that lost their lives in the line of duty, Noah's creation gained national recognition a couple of years ago. Attending the event on July 22 were Justice Minister and Attorney General of Canada Peter MacKay and Member of Parliament for Central Nova joined by Member of Parliament for Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, Scott Armstrong and local councillor, Tom Taggart met with local law enforcement officials and members of the community.

The Justice for Animals in Service Act (Quanto's Law), received Royal Assent and came into force on June 23, 2015. Quanto was an Edmonton Police Service dog that was stabbed to death while helping to apprehend a fleeing suspect in October 2013. Quanto had four years of decorated service and had participated in more than 100 arrests. The enactment of this legislation fulfills a commitment made by the Government in the October 2013 Speech from the Throne to enact legislation in honour of the daily risks taken by police officers and their service animals.

The legislation also enhances protection for specially trained service animals that assist persons with disabilities, such as guide dogs for the blind, as well as those that aid members of the Canadian Armed Forces in carrying out their duties.



Unveiling Quanto's Law was the purpose of a special ceremony at Veteran's Memorial Park, Bass River on July 22nd. Pictured (L-R) Justice Minister, Peter MacKay; Cst. Justin Russell, K9 Officer; Onyx, police service dog; Noah Tremblay; District 10 councillor, Tom Taggart and local MP Scott Armstrong. (Submitted)

## Wentworth Pioneers at the Double C Truck Stop

By Hope Bridgewater

The Wentworth Pioneers went on their annual June "outing" at the Double C Truck Stop restaurant where there is great food at a reasonable price and friendly service. The restaurant staff had prepared for the Pioneers three long tables close together in an area of the floor, served a splendid first course, each Pioneer ordering his/her own choice, and then there was a wonderful selection of desserts. When the meal was finished, all agreed it had been a good idea to choose the Double C for our "outing."

The Pioneers then agreed we should drive back to the Wentworth Recreation Centre where we have our two meetings each month and socialize while playing games. When arriving at the Centre, most Pioneers played Auction 45's and Dominoes, although four members decided to sit at their table and just have fun talking. As 10 o'clock rolled around, all the remaining members decided to go home, and someone said, "We should vote to go to the Double C again."

The Wentworth Pioneers Club (ages 50+), one of the nine senior clubs in Cumberland County, belongs to the Cumberland County Council of Senior Citizens which meets four times annually, also belongs to the Federation of Senior Citizens and Pensioners of Nova Scotia which holds an annual Convention in Truro, and also is a part of the N.S. Department of Seniors which lists about 120 senior clubs in Nova Scotia. The Wentworth Pioneers is primarily a social club, but it has a political aspect as each year it writes resolutions of senior concerns for the Federation's Convention where the resolutions are voted on and when passed are given to the relevant Nova Scotia government departments in the autumn.

One of our most earnest resolutions was to vote for the Wentworth Consolidated Elementary School to remain at its present site. Of course, that resolution will go nowhere as on June 10, the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board stated it would be closing the Wentworth School on June 30, 2015.



Twila McMaster, Winnie Forbes, Beth Crouse, and Carolyn MacAloney decided to have fun talking instead of playing Auction 45's or Dominoes at a recent social time held by the Wentworth Pioneers Club at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

This is devastating news as it means eroding the economic and social structure of the Wentworth community, discouraging families with young children from moving to Wentworth, and damaging the physical health of young students from 4 years to 11 years of age by sending them on long bus rides to a remote school for one and a half to two hours daily. Taking these students out of their home community also damages them educationally, culturally, and socially (damages which could be explained in a longer essay).

Unfortunately, the CCRSB as a school board by law has the final say with no appeals possible, according to the Minister of Education. While the CCRSB has a framework of democracy, it acts more like a dictatorship with a determination to close elementary rural schools, justified by a biased attitude and biased financial justification.

If there was a bias in favour of keeping rural elementary schools in their communities, it could be done in a democratic way with the great technology of long-distance education and with some scheduled visits of education experts. As an older generation, the Pioneers wish for a good future for these young students and the CCRSB has failed us and them. The Nova Scotia government needs to pass legislation whereby the school boards do not have the final say, but the government has the final say with its more powerful electoral status and being more democratically open for appeals.

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**Church Services for August**  
By Christine Urquhart  
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