

Dr Ewing Presents Plaque in France



By Carol McNutt

Dr. Karen Ewing, a family physician in Bass River, has recently returned from France where she attended the 100th anniversary ceremony of The Battle of Beaumont-Hamel. At a reception prior to the service, Dr. Ewing presented a commemorative plaque to The Honourable Kent Hehr, Minister of Veterans Affairs. The plaque, called "Ours", represents the 800+ members of the Newfoundland Regiment who fought in The Battle of Beaumont-Hamel, only 68 of whom answered roll call the following day.

The return to Beaumont-Hamel was especially poignant for Dr. Ewing. While there in 1999, to pay tribute to her great uncle Arthur Stanley Thomas, a member of the Newfoundland Regiment who fought in this battle, the experience proved to be life-changing. As described by Ewing, "We had come to The Western Front to visit war graves. I knew this, but I was not prepared. I stood surrounded by the wrenching epitaphs of hundreds of young Newfoundlanders, and looking out in every direction, more cemeteries, more Newfoundlanders. I realized only then the enormity of the sacrifice. Few experiences reach the level of the soul. I believe this did. It was at this moment that a path to the creation of the Veterans Memorial Park was established. An answer to the silent pleas of loved ones, written here in stone, and to the souls of men whispering, 'Forget me not'."

The Veterans Memorial Park, located in Bass River, Nova Scotia opened in 2008. The Park is unique in its design, its purpose and its scope. Located in rural Nova Scotia, near the shores of the Bay of Fundy's historic tides, the sculptured gardens of the park are a 'living memorial' to those who served and continue to serve in Canada's Armed Forces. The gardens, which take the form of a Celtic flower, consist of three interlocking sections: The Garden of Sorrows designed as a WWI trench; The Garden of Remembrance, a heritage garden and The Garden of Hope, a colourful and vibrant garden with plants from all over the world. The Park's mission is one of education, remembrance and peace.

The moving words of John Oxenham that are inscribed on a brass plaque at the entrance to

Newfoundland Park at Beaumont-Hamel, now grace the entrance to the Veterans Memorial Park.

"Tread softly here, go reverently and slow and let your soul go down upon its knees and with bowed head, and heart abased, strive hard to grasp the future gain in this sore loss".

The message is profound. As Dr. Ewing so eloquently says, "These words can be spoken as loudly and as fervently today as they were 100 years ago. The sacrifices continue as humanity seems to choose the sanguineous path to peace. I will be there at Beaumont-Hamel on July 1 to remember the Newfoundlanders and all soldiers who fought in 'the war to end all wars' and to continue their work for peace. There is no voice louder calling for peace than that of the souls of these men if we choose to listen. We need to be there and we need to listen."

For more on the Veterans Memorial Park, please visit the website at www.veteranmemorial-park.com

Canada Child Benefit Cheques On Their Way

The first payments have now been made under the new Canada Child Benefit (CCB) putting more money in the pockets of nine out of ten families, and helps them with the high costs of raising their children according to an announcement by Prime Minister Trudeau on July 20th.

The CCB replaces the Canada Child Tax Benefit, the National Child Benefit Supplement, and the Universal Child Care Benefit. It will be issued monthly to eligible families. Parents who have received a previous child benefit and who filed their income tax and benefit return for 2015 are automatically assessed for eligibility for the

CCB. Parents of newborn children can apply for the CCB using the Automated Benefits Application (ABA) service.

Under the new CCB program, families the following applies: single payment every month; will not have to pay taxes on CCB payments received when they file their tax returns and eligible families will see an average increase in child benefits of almost \$2,300 in the 2016-17 benefit year.

The new CCB will provide a maximum annual benefit of up to \$6,400 per child under

the age of 6 and up to \$5,400, per child, aged 6 through 17. Families with less than \$30,000 in net income will receive the maximum benefit. Families whose children qualify for the Disability Tax Credit can receive an additional amount as part of their Canada Child Benefit, up to a maximum annual benefit of \$2,730 per eligible child.

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Joel St. Peters

Amherst, NS

With his sights set on the big screen, Joel has dreams of becoming a film maker. And he's well on his way to making that dream a reality. In his second year at St. Thomas University, Joel's focus of study is writing, drama and film. An accomplished student and athlete, Joel's future is bright.



Matthew Penman

Bridgetown ESSO, NS

Working with his hands always came naturally to Matthew. So a career in the pipetrades seems a perfect fit. Matthew will be attending NSCC with a goal of obtaining his red seal. Always willing to help out, Matthew is community minded, performing odd jobs for neighbours and 'paying it forward'.



Rayann Robichaud

Church Ave. ESSO Saint John, NB

Entering her second year in sciences at St. FX, Rayann plans to continue her education in physiotherapy or dentistry. Selected twice for a youth leadership conference, Rayann volunteers for her church, referees basketball and fundraises, all the while working part time at ESSO in Saint John.



Wayne Desmond

New Glasgow Wilsons, NS

An active leader in his school, community and church, Wayne sat on his high school student council and is a member of his town's race relations committee. It's no surprise he's headed for a career in law. Entering his first year at Saint Mary's, he plans to continue his education at Dalhousie for law.



Tilina Barkhouse

Truro Wilsons, NS

Her life long passion for animals has Tilina looking to pursue a career in animal assisted trauma therapy. She'll be taking psychology at UNB in the Fall. Tilina is active in 4-H and school groups, volunteers at the food bank and still has time to work part time at Wilsons Truro and maintain high grades.



Carter MacDougall

Richmond Wilsons, PE

Giving back to his community is very important to Carter. He's a volunteer junior firefighter, helping respond to calls and fundraising efforts. He's also involved with his church and family farm, while working 2-3 shifts a week at ESSO and maintaining an honours average in french immersion. He's taking Aircraft Technology at Holland College this fall.



Morgan MacPherson

Read's Corner ESSO, PE

A highly motivated and dedicated student with a 94% average, Morgan's career goal is to become an engineer. He'll be attending Acadia in the Fall. A well rounded multi tasker, Morgan was a member of his championship high school football team and plays guitar and drums. He regularly picks up extra shifts at Read's Corner ESSO.



Rayann Dillman

Elmsdale ESSO, NS

Dedicated, hard working and focused, Rayann has chosen to take a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Diversity and Social Justice at UPEI. An active volunteer with numerous charities and groups, she did fundraising for a Syrian refugee family this Winter. Rayann works 25-30 hours/week and maintains a high average.



Liam King

Woodstock Rd ESSO Fredericton, NB

Entering his third year at UNB, Liam is working towards an arts degree in Criminology & History. He plans to continue his education and complete a Law degree. A volunteer with the SPCA and other organizations, Liam continually gives back to his community and has a bright future.