

Bass River Area Notes

By Joyce Starratt

We've had some beautiful weather in Nova Scotia, haven't we? We will take all the sun we can get. We had a bad October. Perhaps this is the summer, we didn't get in early July.

We extend our sympathy to the family of the late Euelana Priest. Evelena was a vey busy lady all her life. I got her to "quilt my quilts". I don't quilt much. I can make the tops, but that's it. She will be missed. Sympathy is also extended to the family of the late Bryce McNeil.

My sister, Barb and I attended Gordie Linkletter's 83rd

birthday party at Mo's. It was on a Monday night, and apparently they have a "kitchen party" on Monday nights. Music, fiddles, guitars, singing and anything else that makes music.

We had cake and ice-cream. Some of us danced. A lovely time.

I want to thank everyone for the lovely cards and phone calls received on my birthday. I had two parties, one on my birthday, October 30th at Brian and Linda's and one on Sunday at "The Carriage House". Andrew and Doug could not be here for my birthday, so they had a party



The organizers were pleasantly surprised at the large number of children who turned out for the Great Village Community Association Halloween Party on Nov. 24th. (Harrington Photo)

Five Islands & Area News

By Ruth Thompson

The seasonal restaurants, take-outs and campgrounds are closed for the winter, but Five Islands has not been put to bed until spring! Come on down and partake of breakfast at the Bazaar on the weekends, or Mo's daily, where lunch and supper are also available. The Five Islands' site of Masstown Market is open seven days a week for all your produce and grocery needs. Entertainment at Mo's is still on going through the winter, keep a watch for dates and events in the news and as posted around the communities from Masstown to Parrsboro.

A good number of folks from Five Islands (FI) attended the concert at the Band Hall in Parrsboro, on Sunday, Nov. 15, featuring the Stadacona Band of the Canadian Forces

Atlantic. Guest singers with the Band were Liz Rigney of ATV, and Michelle Durling. Both singers and Band gave stunning performances and the ninety minute concert was certainly enjoyed by all who attended. All the seats at the Hall were filled, with some of the young Air Cadets sitting on the steps. The Band promised to come back next fall, it's a "don't miss" event!

There will be a Christmas Cookie Sale and Tea at Peniel United Church on Dec. 05, from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm and a Variety Christmas Show at the Fire Hall in the evening beginning at 7:00 pm. On Sunday, Dec. 06, 2009, there will be a Christmas Carol Sing in the Peniel United Church beginning at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a free will offer-

Sunday. I was a lucky girl.

The Remembrance Day service was well attended. Dr. Ewing gave a lovely opening address. Many wreaths were laid, one for the unknown soldier. Margie Jessome received "The Mother's Pin" this year. A "tasty" lunch after at the Fire Hall. It was a sunny day too!

Joy Laking recently opened her South American Exhibition at the Art & Jules Gallery in Halifax. Money from the sale of paintings goes to start a Bolivian Art project for children.

My neighbours, Lloyd and Rose are doing quite well. I was in one afternoon for a visit.

Williem and Maja van den Hoek, Upper Economy, had the honour of being invited to Rideau Hall to have dinner with Prince Charles and Camilla, Dutchess of Cornwall. "That Dutchman's Cheese" was served at the dinner. Williem had a chat with Camilla. Congratulations to Williem and Maja.

By the way, the Christmas Eve service is in Economy Church this year. All are welcome. Also on December 6th, there is a carol sing in Five Islands at 7:00 pm. Special music with a joint choie, and lots of singing of old Carols.

I'm afraid this is all I have for this month.

ing and refreshments will be served after the concert.

On Wednesday, Nov. 11, Lewis Davis visited his mother, Mrs. Elsie Davis of Lower Five Islands before flying to Ottawa to attend meetings. He will return on Nov. 20.

Paul and Betty visited with Parents James and Elizabeth McAloney on Nov. 14. Also visiting with James and Elizabeth was Paul's mother, Mrs. Isabell Doyle of Parrsboro.

Carole and Ray Dibbon had her half brother Curtis Welch and his partner Susan Miller from Moncton visiting them for the weekend.

There will be a Jam Session at the Masonic Hall Great Village on Nov. 22. All are welcome. Musicians free, all others a small donation. Shared lunch. Come and have a good time.

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Thirsty Church in Competition for \$250,000

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ways: 1. Google 'Thirsty Church'; 2. Visit the direct site: www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/acf1612

All are encouraged to leave a comment if they are moved to do so and if you read through the comments you will see that this contest is about more than winning some money. It has already brought people together and reconnected a commu-

nity almost lost. It is impossible to not be inspired by the commentary.

The contest is sponsored by the Aviva Community Fund and the maximum prize is \$250,000 that will be used to install a well, plumbing, finish the basement, and provide wheelchair accessibility.

I have included my contact information should you have any questions or require more information. I hope I haven't

forgotten any vital information. I believe this is a tremendous community interest story about what can be made possible when people rally together and a front page spot in the Shoreline Journal would give this little Church the voting boost it needs to spring into the semifinals!

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Thirteen Year Old Gets Chance of Life Time

By Linda Harrington

Denver McCully Lynds has been skating since he was three years of age and playing hockey since he was five. At the young age of thirteen, he has just accepted an offer to attend a prestigious hockey school in Oka, Quebec.

Denver is the son of Tracey Lynds, formerly of Belmont and Shayne McCully of Debert. He began playing hockey out of the West Colchester United Arena in Debert, with the Cobra's hockey team, coached for 4 years by his dad Shayne. Last year he was captain of the Triple A Bearcats, Truro and this year he had been playing with the Triple A Bantam Bearcats.

This past summer Denver competed, with 90 other hockey players, for a spot on the Nova Scotia Provincial Hockey Team. He was pleased to gain a spot on the NS Male Under 14 team and they went on to win Gold at the Atlantic Challenge Cup held in Moncton, on Thanksgiving weekend. Denver was awarded MVP during one of the games, as well.

Scouts were checking out the better players at this tournament and afterwards

Denver was offered a Scholarship to attend Harrington College of Canada. The college website states they "provide goal-oriented, elite hockey players from around the world with the opportunity to develop their hockey skills at an unparalleled level."

Denver went for a week's visit to check things out and on Nov. 9th he will be heading off to Oka, Quebec.

The College offers a specific Hockey Training Program throughout 10 months of the year. Shayne says that many of the instructors are former NHL players and Denver will get 1.5 hours of ice time, plus 1.5 hours of off ice training per day, along with regular academic classes. He will play on the Harrington Icebergs hockey team, with games in Canada and the US.

A long time dream of Denver's has been to someday play for the Detroit Red Wings and he is excited that one of the instructors at the College is a former Detroit player. Denver has a friend who is attending the college, also. The college teaches junior through senior high school students coming from all over the world. "My roommate is actu-

ally from Japan," says Denver.

Shayne says Denver's Bearcat teammates are happy he has been given this overwhelming opportunity but on the other hand they are rather sad to lose him from their team.

For a young man who loves hockey this is a certainly the chance of a life time.





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