



Wayne Eagles began his run at 8:00 AM on Nov. 4th, from the Auto Salvage in Glenholme, and half an hour later he was already heading through Great Village on his trek to Five Islands. (Harrington Photo)



Wade Eagles running through the finish line after completing a 50k run from Glenholme to Five Islands. (Submitted photo by Shay McCully)



Wade Eagles hugging his daughter Taylor and grandmother Greta Lewis. (Submitted photo by Shay McCully)



Wade's family was very proud to pose for photo following the run. Front from left to right: Grandmother-Greta Lewis, Daughter-Haylee, Wade, Mother-Patty Eagles, Daughter- Taylor, Wife-Crystal; Back is Sister-in-law- Christine Rushton, Brother- Grant, Neice- Monika. (Submitted photo by Shay McCully)



Support team! Dave Yorke was with Wade every step of the way, following along beside him, during the 50k in a support van. (Submitted photo by Shay McCully)

## Run for Rink Pays for New Boards

By Linda Harrington

Wade Eagles made a 50km run look like little more than a jog through the park. The frosty morning air seemed to give him a boost as he pounded the pavement, with his friend and support driver, Dave Yorke, never far away.

Wade decided to run from Glenholme to Five Islands as a fund raising event for the Five Island's Rink. The event was called "Run for the Rink" and his goal was to raise \$1000. By the time all funds were collected he was surprised to learn the finally tally was actually triple this amount (at press time donations were at \$3100).

"I was hoping for \$1000 and never guessed we would raise over \$3000," says Eagles. "We have had amazing support from Truro to Parrsboro. It looks like the cost for the boards is going to be right around \$3100, so the money raised should cover it right on par."

Wade says he has been an avid runner for about the last 4 ½ years but started training seriously for the run back in June. He would run 10-15 km about 4 or 5 days a week, making sure he didn't put too much stress on his knees or ankles.

The route was an ambitious task with Economy Mountain to climb. Wade says the first 30 kilometers went smoothly but it got a bit rough at about Central Economy. "It doesn't seem it when you are driving, but the road is a lot hillier along there then it looks. There were 4 or 5 substantial up hill and down areas before the last big one, Economy Mountain, and I started to cramp up."

Dave Yorke accompanied Wade along the route in a support vehicle and has nothing but high praise for his accomplishment. "Wade is a true athlete. He ran all 50k, without stopping to rest or even walk,"

says Dave. "I tried to be there for Wade, but at the same time keep out of sight and out of his mind. I didn't want to put any pressure on him." He carried a supply of sports drinks, energy gels, water and a change of foot ware in the van.

Dave says he felt very honoured to be a part of the run. "People might not realize how far it really is from Glenholme to Five Islands and to travel the whole distance without any stops, well, that is amazing!"

Supporters came out all along the route to cheer Wade on, and many passed along a donation. Most were surprised at how fast he was travelling.

The run's progress was updated on the Rink's facebook page, with people making comments like "Dave just called and he is now in Portapique!," posted at 9:30AM. Communities of Bass River, Economy, Carrs Brook were mentioned as he kept up the pace.

Excitement grew as he neared the community of Five Islands and Wade's brother Grant joined him for a portion of the run. At the finish line, a fire truck and over 50 friends and family gathered and cheered as he finished the run.

Wade expected the run might take 7 hours, but was hoping to finish in less than 6 hrs. He was very pleased when he crossed the finish line in only 5 hours and 22 minutes.

It has been a few years since Wade has played hockey but he says he is looking forward to lacing up his skates this winter.

Is he making plans for another run? "Absolutely," he says with great enthusiasm. "I will do another 50k run in mid-October 2013. This time I am hoping for company all along the route. People can set their own personal goals and whether they join in for 1km or all 50km, it will be a lot of fun."



Bun Betts of Wentworth Centre turned 93 in August but he still likes to take his motorcycle for a ride to Tim Hortons in Debert when weather permits. (Ken Kennedy photo)

## Diligent River Hall gets \$72,500 for improvements



The Municipality of Cumberland and Government of Canada have combined to provide \$72,500 for renovations, which are underway. Pictured above during the funding announcement are: Front (L-R): Brenda Bradford (ACOA), Bev Taylor (Trustee), Carolyn Milton (Trustee) and Arlene Collins (Trustee). In the back row (L-R) are: Keith Hunter (Warden Cumberland County), Brenda McLellan (Trustee), Corlas Collins (Vice President Diligent River Community Hall Association), Scott Armstrong MP, Gale Boland (Secretary Treasurer Diligent River Community Hall Association) and Eric McCully (President Diligent River Community Hall Association). (Submitted)

By Maurice Rees

Tuesday, November 14th was a great day in Diligent River. Scott Armstrong, Member of Parliament for Cumberland-Colchester-Musquoboibit Valley arrived with a cheque for \$42,500 to improve the Diligent River Community Hall. An additional \$30,000 is being provided by the Municipality of Cumberland.

"Our Government is committed to creating jobs, growth and long-term prosperity in our communities," said MP Armstrong. "By improving facilities like the Diligent River Community Hall, we are helping to boost economic activity and maintain a high quality of life for the residents of this rural community."

The Government of Canada, under the Government of Canada's Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF), investment of \$42,500 will support work on the buildings foundation, upgrades to the electrical system as well as to the building's plumbing

and kitchen. The investment will also enable the relocation the oil furnace and utilities to a properly vented space.

"Our community regularly depends on the availability of this facility for space to celebrate milestones and to come together as a community," said Gale Boland, Secretary/Treasurer, Diligent River Community Hall Association. These upgrades will extend the life of the Diligent River Community Hall and ensure that our residents can continue to enjoy this facility for years to come."

The project is also being supported with an investment of \$30,000 from the Municipality of the County of Cumberland. "This hall is an important community asset for the residents of Diligent River," said Keith Hunter, Warden for the Municipality of the County of Cumberland. "These upgrades build on this community's obvious appeal and add to the economic strength of Cumberland County as a whole."

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