

Wreaths laid at Veterans Memorial Park, Bass River

THE LAYING OF WREATHS: The Government of Canada; The Province of Nova Scotia, Karen Casey, Deputy Premier; The County of Colchester, Councillor Ron Cavanaugh; Vimy Ridge 100 Years, Jim Chipman and Burchell Fulmore; Dieppe 75 Years, Jim Chipman; Civilian Volunteers, Bass River Fire Brigade; In Memory of The Holocaust, Maxine Ruby; 22 Canadian Soldiers in Gaza; The Broken - Wounded Warrior, Laura Bruce; SOS Soldiers, Laura Bruce; Everyone Remembered, Emily Lane; UN-NATO Veterans Support Group; Royal Canadian Legion, Jim Chipman; Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Forgotten Heroes, Noah Tremblay; and The Fallen.

Family and friends of Canada's heroes in memory of:

Bernard Gamble, The Gamble Family; Malcolm Smart, Patti Smart & Family; Arthur Stanley Thomas, Karen Ewing; Dawson Malcolm Gamble, Madeline Gamble; Jefferson Francis, The Williams Family; Herman Gamble, Madeline Gamble and Vina Jackson; Harlan Fulton, Carol Barkhouse and David Fulton; Claude Lewis, Cheryl Boyd; Clifford Lane, Emily Lane; Jared, John, Cyril, Lloyd and Hedley Kennedy, Jane Kennedy; Constable Hedley Trickett, Karen Ewing; George A. Fulton Sr., George Fulton Jr.; Chesley Fulton, David Teasdale and George Fulton; Donald Earnest Delaney Liz Voelkner, and Charles Campbell, The Campbell Family. Don and Jennie Fulton, Daphne McMullen, Sonia and Jayden; Ralph Rushton and Ted Rushton, Lucille Adams; Jeremiah Jones, Carol McNutt; Royce Pettigrew, Bob, Merle



and David Pettigrew; Robert Urquhart, Bob, Merle and David Pettigrew; Bert Fulmore and Harry J. Taylor; Burchell & Lucia Fulmore and Family; Ray Wilson, June Wilson and Sons Stephen and Rick; Carl Smith, Linda Yorke and Family; Glen Morrissey, Glenda Morrissey; and Royal Pettigrew, Grandfather and Uncles, Maureen Matthews. Viril H. Bartlett, The Bartlett and Family; Hilton Grue, Eva Grue and Family; Madeline and Gordon McBurnie, Linda McBurnie; Earl McLellan, Anita and Alvin McLellan; Lester Clarke, The Clarke Family; Burt and Doug Simpson, Larry, Millie, Jake and Kevin; Jack Phillips and Bob and Dorothy Williamson, The Phillips Family; Bernie MacNeil, Catherine MacNeil; Jim Hood, Barb Hood; David Hodge, The Hodge Family; Walter Grue, Randy Grue and Family; Douglas H.R. MacLean, The MacLean Family; and We Will Never Forget, The Van den Hoek Family. **IN HONOUR OF:** All Veterans, Bass River Heritage Society; All Veterans, Dominion Chair Company; All Veterans, Bay-side Pharmacy and All Veterans, Bass River Community Hall. **IN HOPE:** Wreath for Peace, Hendrikas Van den Hoek.

Bethany MacKinnon Authors Poem

During the Remembrance Day service at Veterans Memorial Park, Ken Jamieson told the attendees of an exciting experience with Bethany MacKinnon, who was the 2017 summer students to work at the park. The following is a portion of his remarks.

We have been very fortunate over the last few years to qualify for a federal grant that lets us hire a student to help with the gardens of the park, and to maintain its looks, along with touring visitors along the paths.

One day this summer I was in the park and while talking to Bethany she told me how one day while weeding one of the paths at the rear of the

park suddenly a flurry of words came into her mind. Fearing she might forget them she ran over to her car and wrote the words down.

I asked her if she would show me her poem and with hesitation she sent them to me by email. I had to read the poem 3 times. First time I was surprised, 2nd time I was very honored, 3rd time I had tears. I asked if she would consider reading these words at our November 11th service, and also allow us to print the poem, as this is a usual format for our service program. Finally she agreed.

The poem, "They Never Shared a Home" is reproduced on page 14.

Bethany MacKinnon Recognized for Poem

Ken Jamieson continued his remarks about Bethany MacKinnon and the action he took after receiving her poem and what happened during the November 11th service, as follows:

I then sent the poem off to Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Ben Broome, N.S. Representative for the UN/NATO Veteran Support Group for his insight. We agreed Bethany should be rewarded for her beautiful and lifting words and CPO Broome would find something that was appropriate.

At the service CPO Broome asked if Bethany had her family attending as he thought it would be very nice to have her mother, Erin MacKinnon, pin the medal poppy on her daughter. CPO Broome's remarks included: "As serving members and veterans of Canada's military

we are very proud with what goes on with all branches of our service around the world; our younger generation seems to understand the sacrifices that military and their families make to ensure peace and security remains with us today".

CPO Broome also presented Bethany with a plaque containing her poem, while her mother, Erin MacKinnon pinned the metal poppy on her daughter.

At the end of the service Bethany asked if she would be able to have her "poem plaque" on display at future services, to which she agreed. Her mother, Erin, was taking the plaque to her school and teachers for them to see the beauty of her words.

The poem, is reproduced on page 14.



Chief Petty Officer Ben Broome is shown with Bethany MacKinnon and her award, while her mother, Erin MacKinnon, shows the metal poppy, which she was asked to pin on her daughter. Bethany, who worked as a summer student at the park read a poem she wrote in less than 20 minutes. An engraved version of the poem was presented to her by CPO Ben Broome, N.S. Representative for the UN/NATO Veteran Support Group. (Rees Photo) The poem is printed on page 14.



Chief Petty Officer Ben Broome, N.S. Representative for the UN/NATO Veteran Support Group speaks during the ceremony, prior to presentation to Bethany MacKinnon. In the background is Gary Steffen, who works at Fleet Maintenance Cape Scott. (Rees Photo)

Other Debert Members Were to be Pinned

Further to the photo page for the Debert Legion found on page 23.

Several other members of the Debert Branch Royal Canadian Legion were to receive pins on November 11th, but were not in attendance. The years of service recognition is listed after each name. Ordinary members absent were: Calvin Eagles, 30; Arthur Dwyer, 30; Susan Taylor, 20; Mike Taylor, 20 and Douglas Mattatall, 15.

Life time members, who have previously recognized earlier, but were not in atten-

dance are James Adshade, 40 and Ronald Totten 70 years.

Associate members not in attendance were Ardith McCully, 40; Elizabeth Crossman, Shayne McCully and Stephen Williams, each for 25 years. Julia Morris and Jennifer MacDougall, 20 years; Reg Crowe, Cassandra McCully, Jamie Gormley and Trevor Spencer, 15 years and Michelle Deveaux, 5 years.

Several affiliate members supposed to receive 20 year pins, but not in attendance included: David Chisholm, Art

Fisher, Layne Yayward, Don MacEachern, Leet McCulloch, Carmen Milner and Gordon Slack. Douglas Morris was supposed to get his 10 year affiliate pin.



Church Services for December

By Christine Urquhart

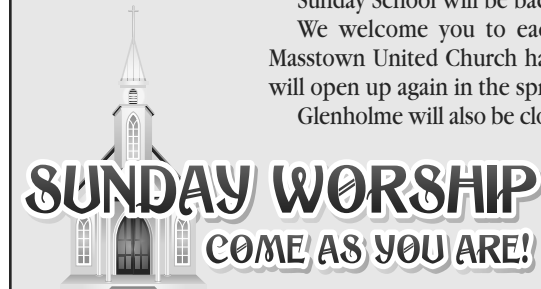
Church services for the Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge for the month of December are as follows:

- December 3 - 10 am Debert with Sunday School,
- December 10 - 10 am Glenholme with Sunday School,
- December 17 - 10 am Debert with Sunday School,
- December 24th - Christmas Eve - regular service 10 am with Sunday School - Glenholme, Christmas Eve service 7pm Glenholme - no Sunday School but we hope they are taking part in this service, and
- December 31st - New Year's Eve - 10 am Debert but no Sunday School this Sunday.

Sunday School will be back the following Sunday, January 7th.

We welcome you to each and any of our Church services. Our Masstown United Church has closed down for the winter months but will open up again in the spring.

Glenholme will also be closing down after our Christmas Eve services until spring, leaving Debert our only preaching point with services for the months of January, February and March. This is so we can pool our resources and save some money!



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