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Do you know a volunteer Youth or Family within your organization/group or community that deserves recognition? If so, Recreation Nova Scotia wants to hear from you! Recreation Nova Scotia is seeking nominations for the 38th Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony. For more information go to www.recreationns.ca/volunteerawards or contact Linda at 902-425-1128. Nominations are to be submitted to Recreation Nova Scotia on or before February 28, 2012.

A "Trust Account" has been set up at the Community Credit Union, Bass River under the Bass River Fire Ladies Auxiliary for Holly Grue and her family. You can donate at any Credit Union. All support is greatly appreciated. The Shoreline Journal is holding a subscription fundraiser to generate funds for "Team Holly". Check page 2 in this issue.

The 2nd annual 90 & 90+ Birthday Party sponsored and organized by the Shoreline Journal will be held later this spring. Maurice Rees, publisher, says he anticipates again holding the event at the Economy Rec Centre but details are still under discussion. Readers are encouraged to check with friends and neighbours to see who will be turning 90 in 2012. For more information call 902-647-2968 or email: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com

An Ole Time Fiddling Party is being organized by Carl Elliott to raise funds for maintenance of the Masonic Lodge Hall, Great Village. He's inviting lots of fiddlers for Sunday, February 19th from 1:30 to 4:30pm. Donation at the door, shared lunch, free coffee and tea.

Are you going South? If you are a Shoreline Journal subscriber and heading south for the winter, wishing you could keep in touch, get in contact with us. We can redirect your subscription. Call Maurice at 902-647-2968, or email: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com

Nova Scotians can show pride in their Acadian heritage by choosing a new license plate now available at Access Nova Scotia and Registry of Motor Vehicle offices. The plate design was chosen after consultation with over 1,500 Nova Scotians last summer. The plate will be issued, by request, to passenger and light commercial vehicles up to 5,000 kilograms. An application form and standard registration fees will apply, in addition to a \$50 donation, when the license is purchased and on registration renewals. For more information about the new license plate go to www.accessns.ca or toll-free 1-800-898-7668.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 is a milestone which will be celebrated by many. The Shoreline Journal is searching for photos of her visits to the area, or pictures which include local residents who appear in photos of the Queen during her 60 years. Contact Maurice at 902-647-2968 or email: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com

The C@P site at the Bass River Elementary School is open Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 4 to 7 pm and from 11 am - 5 pm on Saturdays. For information contact: Carly at 647-2026 or 647-2763

'TEAM HOLLY' JAMBOREE RAISES \$16,000.00

By Linda Harrington

Highway #2 was lined with cars, and inside it was standing room only, as hundreds attended Holly's Jamboree

Benefit at the Bass River Fire Hall on Sunday, January 15th.

Holly Grue, a 22-year old from Bass River, was struck in a hit and run accident on

New Year's Eve and suffered major injuries which will require extensive rehab. A fund raising committee, named "Team Holly", was formed within a few days following the accident, and after only two meetings Holly's



Holly Grue

Jamboree was moving full speed ahead.

"There were about seven of us on the committee but there were hundreds of volunteers who stepped up and offered their help. We had enough people to cover all the half hour shifts plus many more," says committee member Wendy Cox, still amazed at the outpouring of support. "It was simply incredible, especially the support from total strangers."

The afternoon event featured many local musicians including the Elliots, Spud Arsenault, Jim Aylward, Candice Fisher, John and

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With unusually warm temperatures, brooks and rivers were running freely when a light snowfall just before Christmas turning the Parrsboro area into a calendar perfect opportunity to local photo enthusiasts. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

Brothers Perish in Freak Accident

By Maurice Rees

Lobster fishing brothers Croyden and Michael Wood, Parrsboro perished in a freak accident near Parrsboro on Friday, January 20th.

The two using ATV's and a trailer left on late Friday afternoon to check their lobster traps, but succumb to the turbulent Bay of Fundy tides.

They failed to return home later than evening. Their bodies were recovered on Saturday after frantic efforts by RCMP, friends, relatives, Search and Rescue crews.

Croyden, Jr, "Boo", 48, is survived by his companion, Brenda Dawn (Downey) Perry, and her children, Clinton, Justin, Ajay and Angel, all at home. Michael, 41, a younger brother is survived by his wife, Tanya (MacFarlane) Wood, Parrsboro; sons, Grant and Keith, both at home.

They were the sons of Croyden and Frances (Gilroy) Wood, Parrsboro. Other family members include a sister, Patty Wood, Moncton; brothers, Arnold

(Janet), Parrsboro; Bentley (Paula), Porter's Lake; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral for Croyden and his brother, Michael was held in Trinity United Church, Parrsboro on Thursday January 26, 2012. Rev. Tory Byrne, Rev. Greg Doyle and Rev. Keith Smith officiated.

A trust fund has been established for each brother for the benefit of Croyden's step-children and for the benefit of Michael's children.

By Maurice Rees

It took nearly 12 years from September 2000 to January 10, 2012 for the Maddison family of Portapique to learn the fate of the person, who murdered Charles Maddison, 55 after picking up a hitchhiker while enroute to a medical appointment in Halifax. Michael John Lawrence, 37, Windsor pleaded guilty to three first degree murder charges in a Kentville court room.

Justice Gerald Moir immediately sentenced Lawrence to life in prison without parole for 25 years.

Lawrence also pleaded guilty to the following day committing the first degree murder of husband and wife Kirk Mersereau and Nancy Christensen of Centre Burlington, Hants County.

Lawrence admitted to being picked up by Maddison then forcing him to drive to a secluded area in Hants County, where he shot him,

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Croyden Wood



Michael Wood



The new Civic Centre at exit 13 of the Veterans' Memorial Highway (102) will add a dramatic enhancement to the skyline. Heather Fraser, a Fund Raising/Public Relations Assistant to the 'Ignite The Spirit' fundraising campaign, writes of the history of this four year project. Heather's new monthly column with the Shoreline Journal will chronicle the trip through the last year of the centre's construction. Heather's report can be found on page 14 of this Shoreline Journal.

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