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So far we've received confirmation of seven area residents, who will be celebrating their 90th or 90+ birthday in 2011. We want these people to assist us to track changes along the shore since the 20's and 30's. As a result we will be developing a story with each person for publication during the upcoming months starting in February. If you know of someone who will be 90 or older in 2011, please call 902-647-2968 or send email to: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com

Apology to Judy Roberts, Five Islands for not giving her credit for the photos taken at the Remembrance Day ceremonies in Five Islands as published in the December issue. Judy was gracious enough to also offer her talents to take photos at the Five Islands Fire Brigade Christmas party and awards ceremony held on Saturday, December 11th. See the photos elsewhere in this issue.

Parrsboro Band to be featured on ATV. On Monday, December 13th, Maria Panopolis and film crew from ATV visited Parrsboro to do an interview on the history of the Parrsboro Citizen's Band. Patricia Burke, chairperson for the hall and the youngest daughter of Bandmaster Bernie Burke, who directed the band for over 50 years. The interview was conducted at the bandhall. As part of getting totally involved in the interview, Maria played a percussion instrument during her introduction of the interview, and also directed the band. The interview will be aired on Monday January 10th during a Live at 5 segment, "In Our Backyard".

The 2nd Annual Materials Exchange, organized by CoRDA has been postponed until Thursday, January 20th (original date was Wednesday, December 8). Many manufacturers were busy with orders for the holiday season and could not attend. The event will be held Thursday January 20th from 9am-12noon at the Kemptown Materials Recovery Facility. It will open with some presentations about waste/resource management and employee engagement, have the materials exchange workshop component, then with finish with a tour of the Kemptown site. For more information contact: Ericka Wicks, 902-896-2011 or visit: www.corda.ca/doingbusiness/greeningyourbusiness

Murder charges have been laid against Michael John Lawrence, 36, Windsor in the 10 year disappearance of Charles Maddison, Portapique. Maddison disappeared on September 8, 2000 while enroute to medical appointments in Halifax. Two days later his abandoned burned out vehicle was found near Rhines Road in Hants County. His remains were never found.

Gift certificate winners in the Shoreline Journal fall subscription renewal contest are: Cecil Jennings, Debert - \$25.00 certificate to Wilson's Gas, Great Village; Florence Adams, Great Village - \$25 certificate to Bayside Pharmacy, Bass River; Doreen Smith, Parrsboro - \$25 Certificate to That Dutchman's Cheese Farm and Bev Giles, Little Dyke - \$25 certificate to Masstown Market.

Nova Scotia Power and Open Hydro successfully retrieved the non-functioning 400-tonne experimental tidal power turbine from Minas Basin about a kilometre off Parrsboro around noontime on Thursday, December 16th. The turbine stopped functioning within weeks of being deployed in November 2009. The 30 meter diameter turbine looks similar to giant jet engine. All 12 blades on the turbine had been severed by the strong tides. After the turbine had been placed on a barge it was wrapped in tarpolians and is being prepared for transport down the Bay of Fundy destined for Cherubini Metal Works in Dartmouth where extensive analysis will be undertaken. Open Hydro, Ireland is paying the costs of the retrieval mission.



Dan Richard looks over the burnt ruins of what was once a 3-storey warehouse in Londonderry Station. He says he drove by the structure a few hours before it was levelled by fire and didn't notice anything out of the ordinary. Smoke can still be seen rising from the charcoal remains. (Harrington Photo)

Londonderry Warehouse Total Loss



A photo of the 3-storey warehouse building located in Londonderry Station a few weeks prior to the fire on Dec. 14th. It was used for years to store Bass River chairs. This photo was taken by 13 year old Marla McNutt. (submitted)



This photo was taken around 7:45 pm on December 14th as the sparks were flying down Station Road in the high winds. Photo by Rebecca Taylor of Londonderry.

By Cathy Simpson-Giles & Maurice Rees

Despite the efforts of 40 volunteers firefighters, the large rundown building known as the warehouse in Londonderry station was razed in a spectacular blaze on Monday, December 14th. For many decades the building had been used as a warehouse for Dominion Chair Factory products and had been an icon in the community.

The first call was received at approxi-

mately 7:00 pm in the midst of a storm with extremely high winds. Although the response was fast, the building was engulfed in flames on arrival. It was reported that the glow in the sky could be seen in Debert.

Mutual aid calls were put out to Onslow Belmont and Debert Fire immediately for tankers and manpower and for Bass River Fire to cover the Great Village Hall.

Within a very short time, the building had collapsed and while crews fought the burning structure, efforts were also made to keep the fire from spreading to other nearby homes. Winds at the time were extremely strong and large embers were being carried for quite some distance.

Approximately 40 firefighters from the four Departments fought the blaze for over four hours before it was finally extinguished. The building had stood for many decades in the Station, but had not been used recently and hadn't had power hooked up for quite some time.

Cause of the fire has not been determined. Many speculate the fire may have been set. Despite all efforts, the building was lost.

Debert Area Residents and Business Owners Take Part in CoRDA Planning Session

By Linda Harrington

Two dozen Debert area residents and business opera-

tors turned out to take part in a planning exercise aimed at the future of the Debert

Industrial Park on December 16th. Topics ranged from updates on what development has taken place in Debert over the past couple of years to future expansions.

Jodie Mattie, CoRDA's Business Development Director started off the day with an overview of the past couple of years of property sales and progress on the environmental front. He reported provincial funding has resulted in a new Sewage treatment Plant, \$250,000 upgrades at the airport, and widening of the entrance to Lancaster Drive.

Municipal funding has assisted with water and sewer

improvements, including removal of the old sewer treatment plant and addition of new sewer lines. Paving was carried out on Dieppe Drive and a new sidewalk was installed near the school. A Gateway Consulting study was also completed. A total of \$1.5 million municipal funding was spent on these projects.

The airport has undergone improvements to the runway and hanger space. Recently the airport was approved for the sale of jet fuel and it now has CanPass clearance, which should help increase international customers.

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