

Parrsboro has been INVADED



Pictured above is one of the many sculptures which have been installed along Main Street, Parrsboro. The sculptures created by Claude and Doris Soley, Five Islands have been loaned to the town for the summer months. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

By Lawrence R. Nicoll

During the past while strange creatures began to appear along the roadway and at business in the Town of Parrsboro. They all seemed harmless and soon everyone was stopping, taking photos and discussing their own ideas of what these strange things were.

The objects in question are the wonderful creations of a true artist, Doris Soley. The Soley family originated in Lower Economy but Doris and her husband Claude had left the area for a number of years to work in Halifax. When they inherited a property in Five Islands, the house and workshop had to be demolished and they built their current home. On the property had been a blacksmith shop and now there was a great deal of old metal and parts of farm implements. Doris has always

had a creative vein, painting and sewing and she wanted both a new venture and to honour the hard working family that had lived there, so decided to try her hand at sculptures. The next 12 years saw a number of wonderful pieces come to life for no other reason than the enjoyment of making them.

The town's new project facilitator, Taylor Redmond, was aware (as many people are) of the wonderful sculptures and asked Doris if she would be interested in displaying a few pieces. Doris generously offered to loan her entire collection to the town for the summer and now everyone gets to enjoy, talk about and talk pictures of and with Doris's ideas transmitted into iron.

If you pass through town do stop, get out and take a walk and enjoy them to.



Doris and Claude Soley, Five Islands are pictured above with one of the many sculptures they have created in recent years. Doris has loaned the sculptures to the Town of Parrsboro for the summer. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

Londonderry Community Council News

By Anne Spencer

Here goes my first attempt at bringing you the news from Londonderry. Our Community Council doesn't meet again until September, however, please note that we will have Zumba on Mondays at 6:30 (at the hall) starting on July 8th and running until the end of August.

The After School Group had a wind-up Pizza party on the 14th. Thank you to all who provided pizzas and to Val Rushton for the pop. It was a very successful season for this new group and we would like to start it up again in the Fall. Thanks to Teri-Lyn Joudrey for the lunches and also I would like to thank Shyanne Joudrey and MacKayla O'Brien for all their help. The computer and internet were a great success along with the donation of board games and toys from Hasbro.

It was brought to my attention that Shep Scott held a Hawaiian Invitational 45's Tournament on June 3rd. The party was a hit with all the guests. Over 30 people, dressed in Hawaiian garb, enjoyed a very festive night of their favorite card game, along with punch and Hawaiian music topped off with a fabulous feast.

Tournament winners were Glenn Matheson and Rose Gamble. The evening ended with the crowd singing happy birthday to Gary Matheson and enjoying a delicious birthday cake for his 71st. Shep would like to thank everyone for coming and helping with the food and also a special thank you to Sally Richard for her extraordinary assistance.

The first week of June saw the wedding of Amy Murphy and Rod Fisher. Congratulations to the happy couple. The sun finally made an appearance for Father's Day weekend and the arrival of Jean Nappi (nee Matheson). She has returned to her Londonderry home from Florida and will be staying for 5 weeks. Although it has been decades since she resided in N.S., she has always maintained her family's homestead here and returns every year. Welcome home.

It has been an exciting time for new homeowners in our area. Mike and Samantha Trites bought Eva Langille's former home; Jason and Nichole Gamble purchased Rose Gamble's house; Andrew and Mel Adams bought Peg and Dan Mattix's house. Congratulations to these new homeowners.

It is no nice to see this generation taking up residence here. Also, congratulations and welcome to Shelly and Greg Mattix. Their beautiful new home can be seen on Delaney's Hill. Peggy and Dan Mattix are busy getting the final touches done to their new home in the north end. Congrats to them as well.

Other news of interest includes Carlotta and Ed Langille. They took a road trip to St. Catherine's Ontario to visit family and friends and also on to Boston. Niki Rushton is recovering from surgery but we are glad to hear she is doing fine.

If you have any news you think might be of interest (especially to those living away now) please give me a

call at 668-2002.

The Thirsty Church Heritage Series held a workshop on "Raised beds" this month. It was held in my greenhouse and was well attended. Another workshop is scheduled for the new future. Amanda Langille will advise us of the topic and details on this session as soon as possible.

Victoria Dobson's Playgroup for Moms and Tots is still going strong on Fridays at 10:30 am at the Thirsty Church. For more info on this give Victoria a call - I know there is room for more. Her number is 890-4242.

The Fred Gamble Memorial Ball Tournament will be held sometime in July. It is usually held the last weekend of July, however at this time the date hasn't been confirmed. Check with Becky Rushton for more information.

When driving through Londonderry Station and Mines, if you do the speed limit or less, you can see some beautiful flowers in bloom. Also, please be aware there are lots of little children in the area now so please keep this in mind when you are rushing to your destination. School will be out soon; please watch for our kids. Also, there is plenty of wildlife with their new babies crossing the road.

That concludes my first report for the Shoreline. When we lived in Calgary, I used to look forward to getting the news from here and I know that 2 of my sons, Peter and Nick, read their issues each month and then pass them along to friends and relatives so this gives me another way to tell them I love them every month.... Until next month, if you want to see your name in print....call me. Thanks for reading this!



The Penny Auction at the ball was a huge success so another is planned for the fall. Time and date will be announced later.

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