

# Grand Opening of Pearl's Cottage

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The original Camp Debert Military Police building on the corner of Ventura and Plains Roads has undergone quite a facelift. The Debert Hospitality Centre, in partnership with the County of Colchester, recently completed the renovations just in time for instructors with the Debert Cadet Flying Training Centre to move in for the summer.

The building has worn many hats over its lifetime. When the base was running, its usage by the Military Police, required a jail cell in the basement. It was a Construction Engineering Building and then Family Resource Centre. In the last few years, it became a surplus building for the County and was starting to deteriorate.

Leonard Dash and Derek Taylor, co-owners of the Debert Hospitality Centre, saw potential in the building and

renovations began in February. The overall layout remains intact, with 3 bedrooms and 1 bathroom, but the improvements are remarkable.

A celebration was held on Wednesday, June 6th to dedicate the newly renovated house in memory of Pearl Cruikshank. Pearl worked at the DHC for a number of years and passed away in 2009. When Leonard Dash was working on the renovations, it came to his mind how much Pearl would have enjoyed seeing the building transformed.

It was decided to name the building "Pearl's Cottage" in her honor. Several of Pearl's family members, including her mother, Annie were on hand for the dedication. They brought a nice framed picture of Pearl and some of her artwork to hang in the cottage. The building will be rented out by the DHC when not in use by the Gliding School.



Unveiling the new sign at the former Military Police building on Ventura Drive at Camp Debert. The building was recently renovated through a partnership of the Debert Hospitality Centre and the County of Colchester.



Pearl Cruikshank's mother Annie and her brother James presented two of pieces of Pearl's artwork to Derek Taylor, so they could be forever on display at Pearl's Cottage.



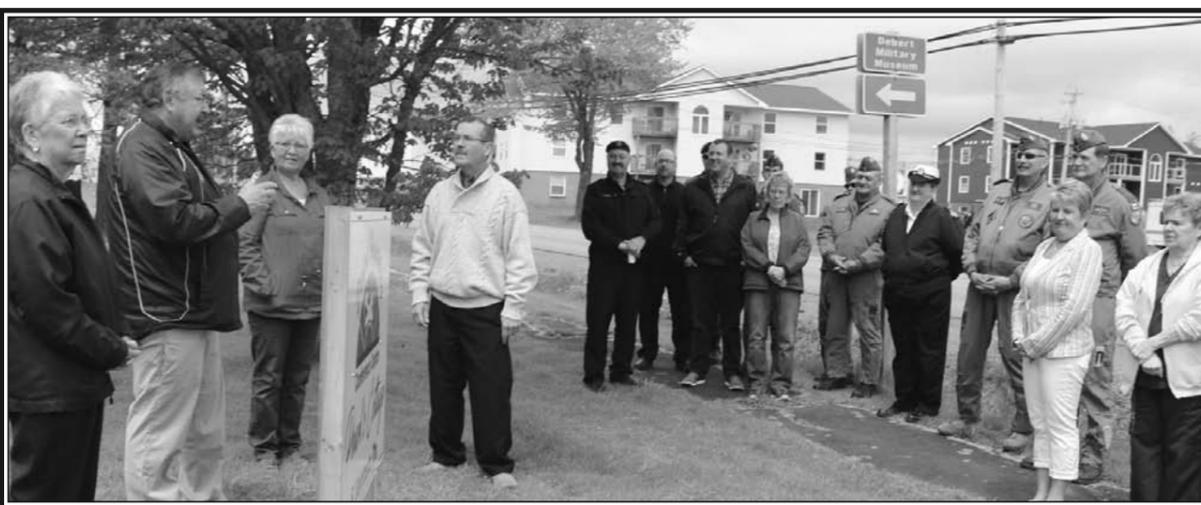
Members of Pearl Cruikshank's family in attendance for the opening of Pearl's Cottage presented Derek Taylor with a framed photo of Pearl. Left to right- Derek Taylor, Annie Cruikshank, James Cruikshank, Susan Frasier and Larry Frasier.



Mark Austin, Economic Developer with the County of Colchester (left) and Kevin Rau, CIBC Manager Commercial Banking (right) congratulate Derek Taylor and Leonard Dash on the grand opening of Pearl's Cottage.



Checking out the renovated rooms. DHC Office Manager Rhoda Dash gives Captain Thomas Hebb and Captain Dave Wiesher of the Debert Cadet Flying Training Centre a tour of the newly renovated building.



Leonard Dash (second left) speaks to the crowd gathered for the grand opening of Pearl's Cottage, the newly renovated former Military Police building on Ventura Drive, Debert.

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### Bryden DeAdder new Atlantica president

The Atlantica Party Association of Nova Scotia has chosen Bryden DeAdder as President. Already a political veteran at the young age of 20, Bryden, born and raised in Kentville, was the party's candidate for Kings North, obtaining 72 votes in the constituency against veteran politician and current PC leadership candidate, John Lohr in the last provincial election. In September, he will begin a Business program at the NSCC while having to balance his role as President and the demands of student life.

### Dalhousie University searching for new president

Dalhousie University has started the search for a new president following Richard Florizone tendering his resignation with the university, the board of governors announced on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Florizone is leaving for a job in the non-profit sector. He will remain on the job until January. Florizone, who is a has a PhD in quantum physics from MIT, has an opportunity to work at Quantum Valley Ideas Labs in Waterloo, Ont.

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Jennie Lewis accepts \$1,257.25 cheque from students and staff at CCJHS to help purchase a wheelchair van.

## Please help Jennie

A fund raising campaign has been organized by The Shoreline Journal to get a wheelchair van for 15 year old Jennie Lewis, North River. Jennie is non-verbal, suffers from cerebral palsy and will be entering Grade 10 at CEC in September.

Slightly over \$4,000 has been raised so far. A suitable van has been located. However, an additional \$2,000—\$3,000 is required to complete the purchase, perform the MVI and get van ready for the road.

A fund raising event will be held at North River Fire Hall in August. Details to be announced later.

**We are asking for public donations. There are three ways to contribute:**

1. Deposit to "Jennie Lewis—In Trust": at Community Credit Union, Willow Street. Acct #: (335) 68561-206.
2. E-transfer to: dhm@wilsons.ca
3. Mail cheque to: "Jennie Lewis—In Trust" to: Shoreline Journal, P.O. Box 41, Bass River, NS B0M 1B0.

**Information:** For information, questions or offers to help contact: Maurice Rees, publisher, Shoreline Journal, 902-647-2968; E-mail maurice@theshorelinejournal.com

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The Legion Members would like to thank the volunteers who worked all year to provide for Friday Night Suppers, catering for Northern Pulp first aid course and The Village Follies.

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