

# The Shoreline Journal

## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CHRONOLOGICAL RECAP

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**February 2000, (Vol. 4, No.2)** – Darlene Stone writes about the life of Earle King, Springhill and termed him – One Incredible Man. The Bass River Baptist Church is being re-established after members pooled together to continue operations. The proposed \$1-million eco-tourism centre for the Glenholme loop is closer to fruition, if Eric Jennings has his way. The West Colchester Community Learning Centre/CAP site will open in near future.

**March 2000, (Vol. 4, No.3)** – A replica of the Bass River and Castlereigh Pole Railway by Carrie Corbett and Mega Foster at the WCCS's annual science and heritage fair. Keith Hamilton and his family were honoured by OBFB upon Keith's retirement. Gerald Patriquin recalls an encounter with quicksand near MacCallum's pond almost 40 years ago. Jim Adshade elected president Debert Community Association. Judy Lewis runs off maple syrup from the hobby sugar woods operated by her and husband, Gordon Lewis.

**April 2000, (Vol. 4, No.4)** – A new firehall was mentioned as a possibility at Great Village Fire Commission's annual awards banquet. Colchester Park based Ledcor Cayer Inc has been busy laying fiber-optic cable alongside CN tracks. Ursula Lynds, Glenholme, honoured for her church and community volunteerism, which started when she moved to the area in 1934. Eric Leighton's rare fossil find in Carr's Brook now on display at Fundy Geological Museum.

**May 2000, (Vol. 4, No.5)** – The West Colchester Bazaar will open on July 1<sup>st</sup> for its 20<sup>th</sup> season. County Council sets tax rate at: Residential - \$.83/\$100 and Commercial - \$1.91/\$100. A tanker truck unloaded 25,000 lbs of fuel from a C130 Hercules Transport, which broke through the asphalt of a closed taxi-way at Debert Airport. Bella and Stewart Weatherby celebrate their 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary and Bell's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**June 2000, (Vol. 4, No.6)** – Ken Kennedy created a lot of interest with a front page photo of students from Lower Onslow School class of 1930. A mid-June frost gives berry growers a big scare, but damage was less than anticipated. Will Mattix, Londonderry shows off the tools used by a wood chopper before the advent of clear-cutting. K Wayne Yorke, Five Islands, was named Lay Pastoral Minister and is serving in Maitland. Wayne and Marie Eaton, Georgina Drive, Debert are convinced a cougar was in their yard recently.

**July 2000, (Vol. 4, No.7)** – Canada Day in Great Village, summer picnic at Debert Baptist Church, Portaupique United Church pork barbecue, Londonderry Days and Belmont Strawberry Festival are history and photos recount their success in this issue, but Debert Field Days and Economy Clam Festival are yet to come. The Bass River Heritage Museum will open on August 5<sup>th</sup> with an open house. The Staple's family hold family picnic. New rock garden picnic park opens at Cobequid Interpretive Centre.

**August 2000, (Vol. 4, No.8)** – First field office of Nova Scotia's natural gas distribution system opens in Debert by Sempra Atlantic Gas. Over 200 attend opening of new Bragg blueberry shed on Plains Road, Debert during which accolades were heaped on its original owner, the late Carvell Stonehouse. Lee and Audrey Pratt donate present British war-time memorabilia to Debert Military Museum.

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## Sunday Music Afternoon in Wentworth

*By Hope Bridgewater*

Recently a cold winter Sunday, with blowing snow, freezing rain, high winds, and whiteouts on the road, resulted in only four musicians and a small crowd turning up at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. Floor manager Dave Bagnell (fiddle and saxophone) and organizers Betty Curry (piano) and Charley Patriquin (singer, fiddle, guitar, and drums), and Gerald McKenzie (fiddle and banjo) decided, despite the weather, to perform music on stage for the enthusiastic small crowd who had ventured out because of their love of old-time Down East style fiddle music.

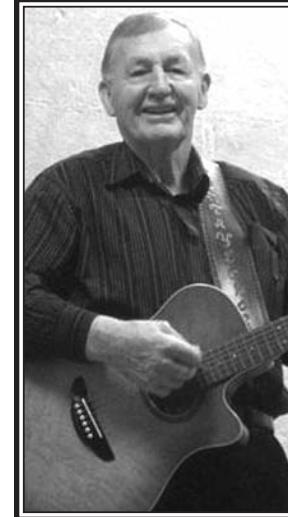
Three fiddlers, Dave Bagnell, Charley Patriquin, and Gerald McKenzie, each took part in presenting traditional tunes for dancing polkas, hop-polkas, reels, waltzes and fox-trots. It is interesting to list the fiddle tunes they played for most of the session from 1:30 pm to 5 pm. None of the three fiddlers knew beforehand what the other fiddlers would be playing and the variety of tunes which they played was truly amazing.

Each fiddler had his own style, but all three were excellent musicians playing in a sincere and melodious way which concentrated on being "good for dancing." All three played from memory and all came to the Centre as volunteer musicians. Also, each fiddler played other instruments in Down East style: in addition to the fiddle, Dave played the saxophone, Charley sang, played the guitar and drums, and Gerald played the banjo.

The fourth volunteer musician was Martha Forrest who sang and played the guitar. Martha played guitar with the band and then sang Lamp Lighting Time in the Valley, Log Cabin for Sale, and Old Love Letters.

The volunteer kitchen staff organized a lunch at 4 pm from the food brought in potluck style by the audience and consisting of sandwiches, salads of cutup vegetables and fruits with dips, and various sweets (cakes, cookies, squares). The three kitchen staff were Rev. Brian DeLong (United Church minister), Debbi DeLong, and Twila McMaster. I served as volunteer at the door for arriving musicians and audience.

Down East music has an



Talented Charles Patriquin gets ready to sing and play his guitar during the recent Sunday Music Afternoon held at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. He also played the fiddle and drums at this musical event. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

interesting history and is a combination of differing styles formed into a melodious amalgam of tunes from Scotland, Ireland, Wales, England, Germany, Nova Scotia (culture of Cape Bretoners, Acadians and Mi'kmaq), Quebec, and New England States.

Fortunately, younger generations are becoming more interested in this music due to such influences as Natalie MacMaster and Ashley MacIsaac. More compositions are being written today in Down East style and one person showing this is Dave Bagnell who composed Michelle's Waltz and who is always in attendance from Truro every Music Afternoon.

As one enters the Wentworth Recreation Centre on a Music Afternoon and hears the Down East music playing on stage, its beauty makes one's emotions tingle. Come on over the last Sunday of each month, except December. Let us hope the weather will be better next time.



## Playing Outdoors with Maggie's Place

Outdoor Play for the month of May is the message Maggie's Place Family Resource Centre is promoting. During the month of May the parent and tot playgroups hosted by Maggie's Place have been happening outdoors. Rain or shine; crafts, snacks and playtime have been happening outdoors for the hour and a half play groups.

Maggie's Place is a family resource center that works to strengthen and enhance the health and social development of children and families. Its Colchester office is located at 1027 Prince Street, Truro. Parent and Tot playgroups are free drop-in programs for ages 0 - 6 years of age, hosted during the following times September to

June at these locations along the shore: Mondays: Great Village Elementary, 9:30am - 11:00am and Wednesdays: Debert Elementary, 9:30am - 11:00am.

*For more information on Maggie's Place and the Parent and Tot Playgroup please contact Maggie's Place at 895-0200.*



The Rotary Club of Truro made a \$5,000 contribution to improve programs and services at Maggie's Place, in Truro.

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