



Crystal Fullerton has spent many hours in her attic studio unleashing her creative talents onto canvas. She has recently revealed her talents as an author, with the publication of her first book "Tales from the Till". (Harrington Photo)

Local Author Publishes "Tales from the Till"

By Linda Harrington

Finding humour in mundane employment opportunities has led to an entertaining literary work receiving much praise. Many of those who have read "Tales from the Till", written by Crystal Fullerton, say they can personally relate to many of the short stories, giving them a great chuckle.

So how did this talented artist, recent college graduate, busy mother and a person with numerous other irons in the fire end up with a published book to her credit? "It started as verbal stories, told to my kids, when I would come home after working as a cashier in a local retail store," says Crystal. "I had gone back to college to get my degree and I started working in retail to help pay the bills. As the stories were passed around, I had people continually telling me I should write them down. I began recording them on the computer. One day my daughter told me it was time to write the book or clean up space on the hard drive. So, I decided it was time for the book!"

Crystal was born in Ontario, but considers Nova Scotia her home, moving to Pictou County when she was just three. She went to the NSAC, received an Animal Science Diploma and moved to Alberta for a few years before returning to Nova Scotia to raise her

two children. In 2010, she went back to NSAC to get her Bachelor of Environmental Science and ended up working contract positions for the next few years. It was at this point in her life, Crystal decided she had spent too much time employed in positions working to



If you are looking for a humorous collection of short stories, Crystal Fullerton's recently published "Tales from the Till" is a great read. The local author has recorded some of her favorite interactions with the public while working as a cashier. (Harrington Photo)

fulfill the goals of others and so writing "Tales from the Till" began. The book came together in about six weeks.

Crystal says she was employed in retail throughout

Canada and the short stories recorded in "Tales from the Till" are a collection from all these jobs. The names have been changed for anonymity as she "wanted this to be something fun. Not to embarrass anyone." With the volume of material collected, Crystal expects the book could have been twice the size but she wanted to include only the best, choosing the ones people seemed to enjoy the most.

The book was self-published from the AC Print Center, on the Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture campus, Bible Hill. The illustrations were drawn by Crystal's talented daughter Anna.

The success of the book has been a pleasant surprise for the humble author who felt very unnerved to have her personal writings open to critique. "I remember being invited to do a book reading and being afraid no one would show up," says Crystal. "It was overwhelming when 20 people showed up and people requested readings. We ended up there for over 2 hours and it was a great first hand account of what people liked in the book."

This will no doubt not be the last published work from Crystal Fullerton. She has three finished novels, of the romantic comedy genre, on her computer. "I am headed into the land of rejection," she laughs, referring to the process of sending off your work to editors and hoping for acceptance.

Crystal won't be sitting idle waiting for her books to be published. In September, she is off to the Qatar, in the Middle East, to join her husband, David, where she will be employed at the College of the North Atlantic (CNAQ).

When not writing, Crystal turns her creative talents to canvas, and produces amazing portraits in oils. She has been the founder/curator at the annual AC Art Show and brought the Fine Arts program to local 4-H Club, also.

You can pick up a delightful copy of "Tales from the Till" at Thrown Together Pottery, Truro or by emailing Crystal at mcrystalfullerton@gmail.com

Jenny Needs Help...

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"The wheelchair taxi doesn't run all the time; is not available certain days, and not always available in the evenings", she added.

The following message was extracted from her mother's GoFundMe page:

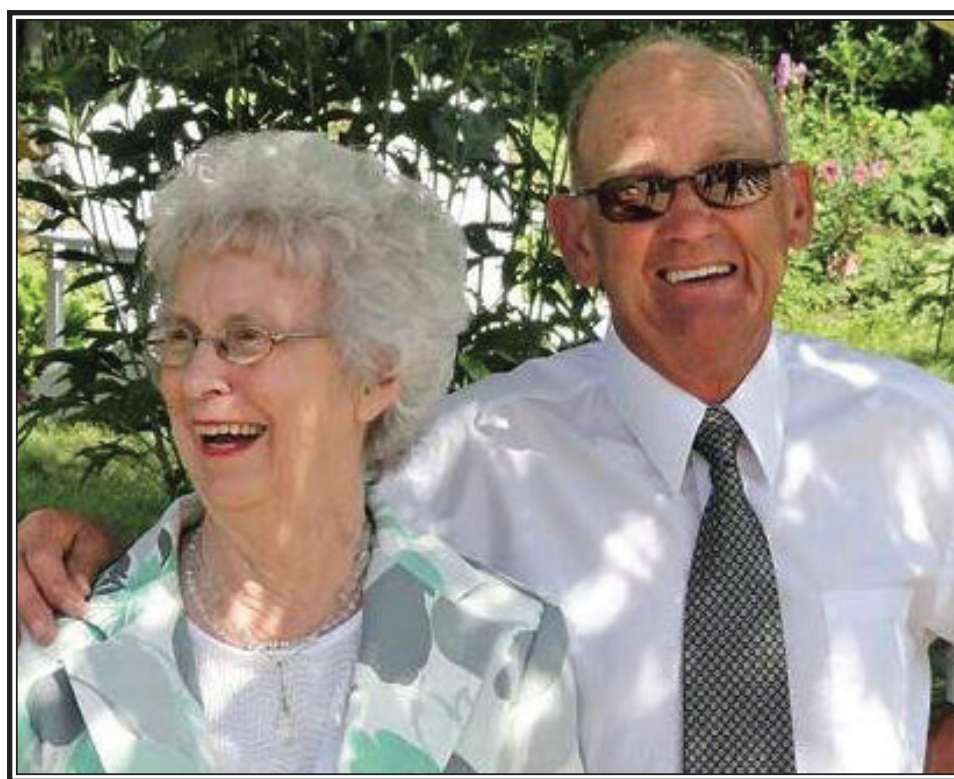
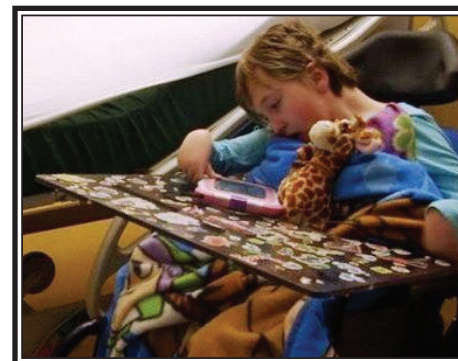
Jenny, who lives in North River, is a typical 15 year old girl, who loves playing with her friends and listening to music, but aside from that, Jenny also has Cerebral Palsy, in her situation, it causes her to be non verbal, quadriplegic, and is in a wheelchair full time.

Part of the message posted by her mother reads: "For the past 15 years, we were able to travel with Jenny in a car, but as she grows, transporting her becomes impossible. Jenny has had multiple surgeries, which requires many trips to the hospital. Susan Weber Lewis-mom Gofundme

Jenny's mom is a single mom who works full time at Bentley's in Truro Mall. Jenny has an older sister with mild CP and challenged walking.

In an effort to get a van for Jenny, the Shoreline Journal is requesting residents donate and encourage others to participate. Students and staff at CCJHS, where Jenny is a student are undertaking some fund raising activities. For information contact: Maurice Rees, Publisher at: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com or call: 902-647-2968.

Also see the poster on page 36.



Burt and Lucia Fulmore, Economy shown as they were about to celebrate their 63rd anniversary earlier in May. (Submitted)

Standing Finalist in 3 Categories

By Maurice Rees

The Shoreline Journal has been chosen as a standing finalist in three categories of Newspapers Atlantic Better Newspaper Competition (BNC). Newspapers Atlantic the association of community newspapers has announced the Shoreline Journal is a standing finalist, one of three

papers, in the categories covering Outstanding new revenue idea; Outstanding advertising campaign and Outstanding circulation promotion.

Finalists for Outstanding New Revenue Idea include: Acadie Nouvelle, Tatamagouche Light and Shoreline Journal. In the outstanding cir-

ulation promotion, The Shoreline Journal is competing against

Montague Eastern Graphic and Port Hawkesbury Reporter.

The three standing finalists in the outstanding advertising campaign include: Acadie Nouvelle, Victoria Standard and The Shoreline Journal

Winners will be announced on Friday, June 1st at the University of King's College in Halifax at the conclusion of a day-long series of workshops followed by an evening reception and awards ceremony.

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