



Karen Turner of Belmont accompanied by Bill Hill of Truro are regulars at the Debert Jam Sessions. (Strong Photo)



Gerard Fougere on the fiddle accompanied by Wayne Elliott are regulars at the Debert Jam Sessions. (Strong Photo)

Celebrating a World of Guiding

By Rebecca Taylor

More than 50 Girl Guides, Brownies and Sparks celebrated World Thinking Day at their meeting on Tuesday, February 23, with activities, food and games from around the world. With a little imagination and a lot of fun, the girls visited the four World Centres in England, Switzerland, India, and Mexico.

World Thinking Day is an annual event of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). The girls also donated "pennies for Thinking Day", which will be used to fight poverty and hunger in five member countries: Haiti, Zimbabwe, Sudan, Georgia, and Maldives.

At least four Girl Guides from our area will be going to a national camp this summer, joining thousands of girls from across Canada and around the world. Samantha Mills of Onslow, Madalyn Spicer of Belmont, Grace Taylor of Londonderry, and Ashley Cook of Debert will travel with their leaders to Guelph, Ontario for the 10-

day camp.

While at camp, the girls will be participating in a wide range of activities of their choice, including things like tennis, archery, tai chi, high ropes course, rock climbing, drama, jewelry making, pottery, rocket building, scuba diving, sailing, and canoeing. Each girl will also participate in a community service project such as trail reconstruction or helping at a food bank.

Considering the fact that it's the 100th anniversary of Guiding in Canada, the camp will be a memorable celebration and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for these local girls. Those who have attended Guiding Mosaic camps in the past have said that it was a highlight of their Guiding experiences.

The girls are busy raising money to help pay the camp and travel costs. Over the next few months, they will be seeking our community's support to reach their goal of \$5,000.

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GLOADE, Muriel Claire (August 16, 1952-2010) – Millbrook; The Sylliboy family is announcing the passing of family matriarch, Muriel Claire Gloade on January 24, 2010 of natural causes. Muriel was 57 years old and resided on the Millbrook First Nation, Truro, NS and died in the comfort of her family home. Muriel, a craftsperson and renowned traditional food maker, was a member of the Millbrook Sacred Heart Church. Muriel was born in Sydney, NS and originally resided in Eskasoni First Nation and is predeceased by her parents, John Simon Denny, Eskasoni First Nation and Rita (Prosper) Denny, Potlotek First Nation. She was predeceased by brother Lester Denny, sisters Eleanor Denny (Bernard), Wilfred, Clara, Muriel and step-mother, Florence (Johnson) Denny and step brother Anthony Sylliboy. Muriel is survived by siblings Joseph H. Denny, Robert C. Denny, Gail Stevens, Pamela Doucette all of Eskasoni FN, Beverly MacDonald (QC), Bernadette Gloade, Marlene Denny, Shirley Denny (Millbrook) and step-sister, Elizabeth Bernard, Waycobah FN. Muriel was the proud mother of ten children, John (Darrin), Mary (Gabriel), Alfred, Dana, Noreen (Gerald), Frank (Megan), Corrina Milliea (Randy), Leo, Buck (Yvette) and Ross (Tara), step daughter, Bernice Johnson, Wagmatcook FN, and the grandmother of 28 grandchildren of which more are expected. She also had 10 godchildren. Mrs. She was predeceased by former husband Alfred Sylliboy, Eskasoni FN and husband, Daniel Gloade, Millbrook FN. Funeral mass was held January 28, 2010 with Father Darius officiating at the Millbrook Sacred Heart Church. On-line condolences may be made to: www.colchestercommunity.com

FRENCH, Herbert William "Bert" – 102, Truro and Lakeview. Passed away on February 8th, 2010 at the Halifax Infirmary. Born in Toronto on November 3, 1907, he moved to Truro in 1929. He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, the former Luta Elaine Patriquin, Lakeview, daughters Phyllis (Paul MacKay) Lakeview, Brenda Moore (late Soley Lynds), North River, beloved grandchildren Shawn (Derek Webb) Debert, Evan MacKay (Annette) Dieppe, Kerry Moore (Kimberley) Bible Hill, great grandchildren Britani and Ashley Moore, Emily and Lucas Webb, step- great grandchildren Sarah Morin, Moncton and Mark Logan (Veronique) Dieppe, great great grandson Kaiden Moore, step- great great grandchildren Corbin and Adah Morin, Addison and Aislyn Logan, several nephews and nieces including Douglas Phillips (Linda) Lindsay (Ont), Ronald French (Cynthia Askwith) Markham (Ont), Nancy (Richard MacEachin) (Ont). Bert was predeceased by his parents, Thomas Edward French and Annie Pearl Pocock (his adored Mum) (who he adored), both UK immigrants, brothers and their wives John (Irene), Franklin (Maisie), Norman (Bernice), sisters Anne (Roddie Phillips), Phyllis Phillipa French, niece Susan Phillips Oliver, and golfing chum Louis MacKay. Bert began his golfing career in Toronto at age 9 as a caddy and then became an assistant to the Golf Pro, which included handcrafting wooden golf clubs. He accepted a position as Pro with the Truro Golf Club in 1929 when he moved to Nova Scotia.

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He worked there until just prior to WWII when the Club was all but closed. Bert also managed the lanes at the Truro Bowling Alley in the winter and played in leagues for many years. The family wishes to thank the wonderful staff in the Cobequid and Infirmary Emergency departments, Dr. Christian Wiems and nurses Sharon and Elizabeth on ward 8.2 at the Infirmary for their care and concern, also Dr. Harold Berghuis, Dr. Ryve Loshaj, and Cindy Totten, Truro. Memorial donations can be made to Londonderry Station Community Church, RR#1 Londonderry, NS, B0M 1M0. A reception to commemorate Bert's life was held on Saturday, February 27 at the Colchester Community Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be made at: www.colchestercommunity.com

PATRIQUIN, Ethel "Jean" – 87, Londonderry, passed away February 13, 2010 at home surrounded by her family. Born in East Village, she was a daughter of the late James and Elsie (Roblee) Robinson. Jean was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend who loved to cook and bake for her family's daily needs. In later years she was often remembered for her many quotes and sayings. Jean is survived by children, Robert (Hazel), Barbara (Beverley) Potter, Carl, Beverly Rideout, Roy, Ida Rodgers; eleven grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; sisters, Muriel Spencer, Laura (Fred) MacKinnon, Louise Wedge; brothers, Ernie (Gerene) Robinson. She was predeceased by her husband of 64 years, Johnnie; brothers, Whitman and Aubrey. Extra special thanks to the VON and Home Care for their loving care of our mother. Cremation has already taken place. No visitation by request. A graveside memorial service will be held in Hillcrest Cemetery, Londonderry at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Londonderry Station Community Church, R.R. #1, Londonderry, NS B0M 1M0 On-line condolences may be made to www.colchestercommunity.com

NOLAN, Ronald Arden "Sooty" – 74, North River passed away February 15, 2010 in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born in Glenholme, he was a son of the late Elva Brown. He owned and operated Ron's Burner Service for 33 years. Ron was a member of the North River & District Fire Brigade. He was a kind and caring person who would do almost anything for someone in need. His greatest treasures were his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Betty (Leamont); daughters, Judi (John) Spicer, Bahrain, Rhonda Dunn (Jeff Lewis) North River; grandchildren, Elizabeth and Stephen; sisters, Pat Spence (Lyle), Great Village, Sally (Bill) Cruikshank; brother, Michael (Joyce) Brown, River John, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by sisters, Peggy (Margaret), Karen; brother, Gary. No visitation by request. A North River & District Fire Brigade Tribute was held Thursday, February 18th followed by a memorial service, with Rev. Cheryl MacDonald officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to North River Fire Brigade or charity of choice. Special thanks to Dr. Stephen Ellis, the Colchester Regional Hospital doctors, nurses and staff and also the VON. On-line condolences may be made at www.colchestercommunity.com

Out and About with Ken

By Ken Kennedy

I just got back from a quick look at the "Joyful Sounds" display at the Colchester Historical Museum on Young Street in Truro. It is quite a nice display, if anyone were interested in the types of musical entertainment available in the area over the past one hundred years or so. I didn't see too much of the old time country music variety except there was something on Cy Steele, the Truro fiddler. There is a good display of old gramophones, pianos, violins, drums, etc. Also there is a display of Planter's music, military bands, Truro town bands, band shells, festivals, band leaders, music teachers, and such. However, I didn't see anything about the old Portipique Dance Hall or anything of The Barley Boys era!

One interesting story-board display reads something like this: The arrival of the Planters during the 1760's brought new settlers with musical knowledge and interests. The earliest mention of a fiddle in Cobequid appears when Henry Glen

of Truro Township sold a fiddle at an auction in 1774. By 1791 a Halifax merchant by the name of Charles Geddes was advertising musical instruments for sale. Charles was the brother of Robert Geddes, a cabinet maker whose wife was Elizabeth McClellan of Great Village.

On Jan. 25th I went to see my friend's daughter play hockey at the Debert rink, and, boy, was I ever impressed. I hadn't been to the rink in, probably, ten years or more and it hasn't changed that much. The bleachers are still cold, except for an area at the front where heat lamps hang from the girders. My friend's daughter played goal and, although, her team lost, she made some very good saves. The end to end action was most enjoyable and with very few penalties and no fisticuffs. I plan to go back again before the season is over.

As far as Debert Happenings is concerned, Velma and I were invited to a free fellowship breakfast at the Debert Fellowship Centre on Jan. 30th. Pastor Dave MacLean and his crew

went to great lengths to put on a good breakfast but it had snowed the night before and the turnout was disappointing. After the breakfast, Steve McCabe and Raymond Rushton sang a few gospel numbers to end the festivities.

I was surprised to see a new face at the Debert Post office the other day. Cathy Devine is back as the new postmistress, replacing Carol Pictou who has retired.

On Feb. 6th the Shaky Band and the Hope Radio Worship Band entertained at Debert Baptist Church. Apparently it was a full house but the music was quiet loud, I hear.

I hear the gals at the Glenholme Petrocan Restaurant held a surprise birthday party for Carl Fraser on Feb. 10th. For a moment there he was speechless! Can you believe it?

Other birthdays in

February include John Carter on the 4th, Priscilla Jennings on the 5th, Dorothy King on the 7th, and Ethel McInnis on the 13th. Anniversaries celebrated on Valentines Day included Don and Lena Davidson, and Ruby and Gordon McDorman.

Vel and I were surprised to get a phone call from our son Greg from Newmarket, Ont, to say he was flying home for a few days vacation on the 16th. He hadn't be back for a few years and was happy to be "home" - even for such a short time.

That's about it for now. Don't forget to get your cheese from any member of the Great Village Legion as they are selling cheese this month as a fund-raiser. Orders are to be in by February 28. Small is \$4.00 for 200 gms; Large about \$14.50 for 2 lb block.

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