

Weather or Not

SUTHERLAND'S LAKE ICE DRAG RACES

The thrill of the racing was alive and well at the 2012 Sutherland's Lake Ice Drag Races although race results are not available, because the event was cancelled, due to rain. *Photos by Linda Harrington*



Finish line officials were soaked from top to bottom but this didn't stop them from doing their jobs, ensuring safety, checking sleds and recording results.



The pit area was busy as racers moved in and out making last minute adjustments to their machines.



Sleds of all shapes and sizes are welcome on the frozen lake. Entrants and participants will eagerly await next year's event.



Jack Patriquin and Barb Works were hard at work in the kitchen at the Londonderry Hall serving up some Race Day chili.



Dedicated spectators stayed by the sidelines, despite the pouring rain, to watch all the races.



Several racers work on Ski-dos at the pit area for Cobequid Mountain Sports, of Collingwood Corner.



Shirley Eagles, right, assists 90 year old Iona Canning, Five Islands, to hold up a quilt which belonged to Iona's sister. Five Islands area quilters completed 50 cuddle quilts to be donated to the IWK, Halifax. (Gloria Lewis Photo)



This photo taken at the Five Islands Bazaar shows a portion of the 50 cuddle quilts produced in January and February quilting bees. All quilts will be delivered to the IWK in Halifax in early March (Gloria Lewis Photo)

Five Islands Quilters Busy for IWK

By Linda Harrington

Children at the IWK Hospital in Halifax will soon be warm and cozy in their new "Cuddle Quilts" thanks to a labor of love by several Five Islands area quilters.

A "Quilt-a-Thon" was held at the Five Islands Bazaar from January 23rd to 27th. Eight quilters were joined by other volunteers from the community who helped with the cutting and machine stitching.

Rose Lewis says the project was her "bright idea", after reading about a similar project in a magazine. "It had never been done here before but I knew there were at least half dozen quilters in this

area," she says. "We all had little pieces of material left over from larger quilting projects which I knew we could use for the tops. The Five Islands Bazaar donates to a charity every year and this year they donated the quilt batting and thread."

The tops of the quilts were machine sewn in a "Nine Block" pattern and then hand quilted to the backing. Six quilt frames were set up over two rooms at the Bazaar.

Rose says the quilters enjoyed themselves and it was seldom quiet, as they shared in conversation while they worked. Many of the quilters, including Rose, were

taught by their grandmother years ago. Iona Canning, who is 90 years young, was lending a helping hand throughout the week, as well.

The enthusiastic quilters completed 30 "Cuddle Quilts" in January. "We still had loads of our scrap material left, so we decided to do this again in February", says Rose.

By the time they finished on February 23rd, an additional 20 cuddle quilts had been completed. All 50 cuddle quilts will be delivered to the IWK in the near future. Sick children will be surrounded not only in the warmth of a cozy blanket but also the love of the volunteers who worked on them.

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