

Dylan McMullen Recovering At Home



Dylan McMullen pictured in hospital shortly after his accident on Sept. 14th. He sustained multiple injuries when his vehicle collided with two horses on Hwy. 104. (submitted)

By Linda Harrington

A mother's worst nightmare! Waking up to the words, "your son has been in a terrible accident."

Brenda McMullen awoke at 6AM on Sept. 14th to a flashlight in her eyes and the screams of her sister Cindy Smith.

"She was yelling for me to come quick, saying my son Dylan and her husband Wade had been in an accident," says Brenda.

Wade Smith and Dylan McMullen had been on their way to work from their home in Londonderry to Kohler, in Debert. Close to Exit 11, along Hwy 104, two horses escaped from a nearby field, running

into their SUV, causing it to veer off the road, into the ditch and hitting a tree. Wade was able to get out, but Dylan was trapped, and the vehicle caught fire.

"This is where I believe in heroes," says Brenda. "Two men, David Grundy and Shawn Hardy, stopped to help Wade (who had injuries of his own) and the three were able to get Dylan out of the vehicle just before it exploded into flames. They saved my son!"

By the time Brenda and her husband Dick arrived at the scene, Dylan was lying on the bank, with RCMP and first responders all around. "I went to his side and he just opened his eyes and shut them again,"

Brenda says reliving the terrible moment, "And I thought, oh, my God, this is not good."

Dylan was transported to hospital in Truro, but because of his extensive injuries, within a few hours he was airlifted to Halifax. Wade Smith's injuries were assessed in Truro and he was released later that day.

"For the first few days doctors were discussing multiple surgeries for Dylan," says Brenda. "He had a bad cut on his head, bleeding around the brain, injury to his spleen and many more injuries."

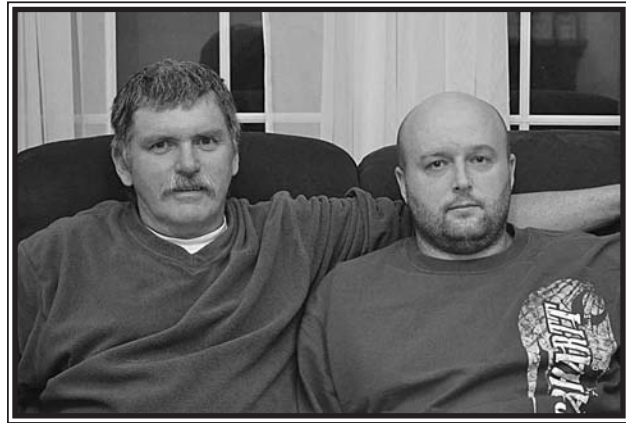
Eventually doctors decided to let Dylan's body do the healing instead of surgery. After six days in the hospital he was released and has been recovering at home, with the help of his girlfriend Shannon Finck and family and friends.

"It is going to be a long road," says Brenda. "We still don't know if he will get complete vision back in one eye but his spleen is healing well. Things could have been so much worse. I thank God every day I have my son, and my grandson Wyatt has his dad."

Brenda would like to thank everyone who helped out on the morning of Sept. 14th especially Dr. Sharma and staff at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, the staff at QEII, Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade, Masstown Market, Harris Home Hardware, Dylan's co-workers at Kohler and Bible Hill RCMP.

"Your kindness and support will never be forgotten," she says, "And of course most of all Wade Smith, David Grundy and Shawn Hardy. Three heroes I will never forget."

Dylan has a follow-up appointment at the end of October. Doctors will look at what course they will take to deal with his other injuries.



Wade Smith is happy his nephew Dylan McMullen is doing much better, a month after their accident. (submitted)

Seniors Council and Clubs Meet in Wallace

By Hope Bridgewater

The Cumberland County Council of Senior Citizens met recently in the beautiful village of Wallace. From about 1840 to about 1940, Wallace became a beehive of activity: building sailing ships and other ships; exporting products of lumber mills, sandstone quarries, and other items from its shipping port to other countries; having a large fishing and lobster industry; having a working lighthouse; containing the Shortline railway; and attracting merchants and tradesmen to establish there. In the latter part of the 1900's, the village lost most of its activity with the decline of its marine industry, the loss of rail service, and even its lighthouse was decommissioned.

Its past history is well preserved in the Wallace and Area Museum. The Mi'kmaq's called Wallace "Remsheg," meaning "the place in between," had an encampment there and used the Wallace River for fishing and hunting along its banks. The Acadians were established in Wallace in the early 1700's, created dykes to allow for marshland farming (the dykes can still be seen) and sent supplies to PEI (Ile St-Jean) and to the Louisbourg garrison in Cape Breton (Ile-Royale). After the deportation of the Acadians in Wallace during 1755, Scottish settlers came to Wallace and later were followed in the 1780's by the Loyalists, who stayed loyal to the British government during the American Revolution and who were escaping the rebels of the Revolution who were confiscating the Loyalists' properties and jobs and, in addition, threatening many of them.

The last settlers, the Scots, Loyalists and their descendants, prospered and became farmers, fishermen and shipbuilders. These ordinary folk were high achievers in their own way, but, as well, achievers of another type came from Wallace: Simon Newcomb, mathematician and astronomer; William Boyle, Nobel Prize winner in Physics; and John Mattatall, figure skater.

Recently, the Honourable John James Grant, the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, awarded Wallace residents with a Community Spirit Award for working many hours for the social, cul-



At a Wallace meeting of the Seniors Council and Clubs, Betty Curry and Judy Schultz (seated), Ann Wallace, Marion Dotten and Gertie Hollis (standing) participate in the entertainment and business sessions. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

tural and economic benefit of their small village by the sea.

All these thoughts pass through one's mind while coming to Wallace and climbing the steps to their large and comfortable community hall. Out of nine Cumberland County senior clubs, six attended from Amherst, Northport, Oxford, Springhill, Wallace and Wentworth. Entertainment began at 11 a.m. by Marion Dotten and Ann Wallace playing the game of Cumberland Trivia 1999 by asking us numerous questions and expecting quick answers. Can you answer three of the many questions which Dotten asked? #1. What hostel was opened in Wentworth during 1962-1963? #2. On what occasion was a Cumberland County baby quilt presented to Princess Diane?

#3. What sporting activity happens every fall at Wallace Bay? Winners with the highest scores of Marion's many questions were Judy Shultz, Betty Curry, Pearl Charman, Sharon Rector, and John Stuart.

After a tasty lunch at noon-time and lots of cheerful talk, the business meeting began with three executives, President Judy Shultz, Secretary Betty Curry, and Treasurer Gertie Hollis, seated at the head table. O Canada was sung, the Seniors Prayer said, a moment of silence for those members who have passed away, minutes of last meeting read and approved, a treasurer's report, and correspondence read.

The President, Judy Shultz, requested that each of the nine clubs update their previous reports on the history of their clubs. Grants are available for clubs to apply: a Wellness Grant from

Cumberland Health Authority, a Positive Aging Grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Seniors (registration with the Registry of Joint Stocks required), and a New Horizons for Seniors Grant from the federal Department of Employment and Social Development Canada. The Year of Ageing Well Photo Contest is available. The above grants and contests have deadline dates, but if they are now expired, keep in mind such grants may be obtained in the future, so be prepared to think about the possibility of applying next time.

An important item for the next Council meeting at the Oxford Pioneer Heritage Club on Wednesday, November 20, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. is the nomination of executive officers for the next two years. Three members were chosen to bring to the November meeting nominations for the years 2014-2016. Of course, there can be further nominations from the floor at the November meeting. President Judy Shultz added two more nominations to fill: a Cumberland Council Zone representative to the Federation of Senior Citizens and Pensioners, and a Council representative to attend monthly meetings at the Cumberland Aging Well Network in Amherst.

Nova Scotia is fortunate to have a Department of Seniors with a mandate to be in the vanguard for the welfare of seniors as well as the Department of Health and Wellness with nine District Health Authorities.

The six clubs present at the Wallace meeting gave reports. Clubs carried on various activities, but the two constants were the popular card games for social fun, and potluck meals for good eating and friendship.

Another successful meeting ended amid good cheer. Answers to the three questions previously mentioned: #1. Wentworth International Hostel; #2. Prince William's first birthday; #3. Duck hunting.

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