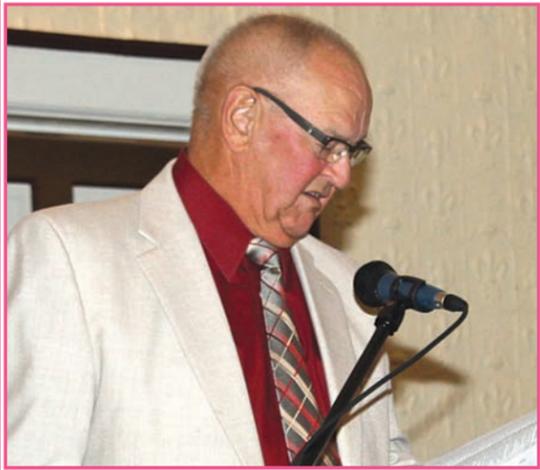


## 173rd Anniversary of Bass River United Baptist Church

A celebration was held on October 18th.  
(Harrington Photos)



The choir from Immanuel Baptist Church, Truro performed several beautiful pieces during the 173rd Anniversary Service.



Rev. Kaj Binderup, Pastor of Visitation at Immanuel Baptist Church was the guest speaker during the Service.



Soloist Marlene Woolfitt sang a very inspirational song, "Broken and Spilled Out".



Pastor Larry Tirrell of Bass River United Baptist looks over a recorded history of the Church with Rev. Frank Locke, who was student pastor at the Church 65 years ago.

# Diligent River Bell Continues to Please

By Mary Colpitts

The bell in the photo accompanying this article has hung in the steeple of St John The Evangelist Anglican Church, Diligent River since 1890. The 250 lb bell was donated to the church by the Junior Mission Guild of the Church of Redeemer from Bryn Mawe in Philadelphia and has rung many times to announce special events even on New Year's Eve to the delight of the people of the village and bell ringers.

Under the ministry of Tor Byre, the church was deconsecrate and the building was offer for sale.

Valerie Smith and her husband, Frank purchased the building and began a year-long labour of carefully taking it down. During the demolition the bell became a focal point. Valerie was very firm that it should remain in the community.

The next step was the job of preparing the bell, where it would be sale, protected and visible.

With the cooperation of

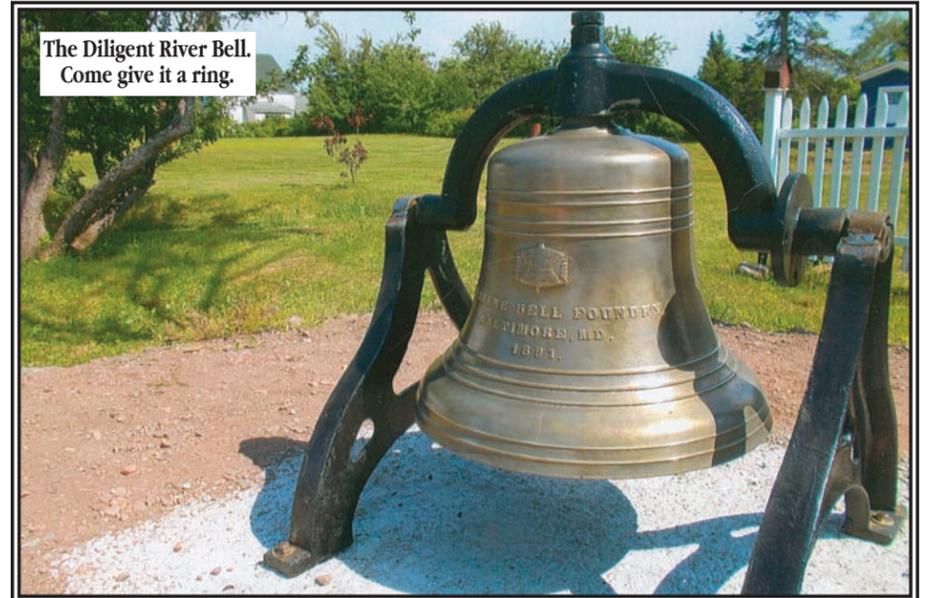
Lorraine and Ron Maskill, it was deeded to place it beside the Inuiteskuk, which is in honour of Simon Gibbons and adjacent to the site of the former church. Gibbons was the founder of the church building.

Then people started helping. A cement foundation was

prepared and poured; bell supports were sandblasted and painted, then bolted into the foundation. At this point, Kennie Dowe took over. He sandblasted the wrought iron hanger and polished the bell, as it looks in the picture. He then brought the bell to its site and helped install it,

which was no small job.

The bell is installed in full view of any passers-by who are invited to ring it - to the enjoyment of all within listening range. The bell in its prominent location continues to be appreciated as it always has been.



The Diligent River Bell. Come give it a ring.

## Debert Legion Notes

By Dan Martell

For those of our readers who bought tickets on the 2015 Legion Lotto Sweep Program, here is a list of the winners. 1st Place- \$10,000 Bill Pitul, Musquodoboit; 2nd Place- \$5,000 June Meehan, Musquodoboit; 3rd Place- \$4,000 Hugh F. Urquhart, Wilmot Station; 4th Place- \$3,000 Tom Colombe, Lower Sackville; 5th Place- \$2000 Wendy and Leo Gallant, NS.

A big thank you is passed along to all who supported the program.

Well, fishing season here in West Colchester is coming to an end for another season and it has been a super season.

There is a rumor making the rounds that a gentleman from the Wentworth area caught a bass that weighed in at 61 pounds and was 54 inches long. Gerry and Owen Dykens have been having some fabulous luck, with both dropping in to show off their fish. Someone said The Bear is going to rent the Branch Auditorium and give lessons on how to bring home the big ones. Young Justin McNutt has had a great late summer, early fall bass season. Congratulations are passed along to all the successful fishermen.

Congratulations are passed along to Terry Sack and his party who came back from Cape Breton with a beautiful

moose. For those who may like bear meat, give Owen Dykens a call, he might part with a steak. Owen got a small bear somewhere on the Reid Road. From all reports the bird hunters (geese, ducks, upland game) are having a lot of success.

Congratulations are passes long to Terry Sack who just recently won a new 4 Wheeler. Terry bought a ticket to help support the Truro Homeless Outreach Society.

The Benefit Breakfast held at the Debert Fire Hall for Anthony Adams was a big success and a huge sum of money was realized. To all the people who helped in anyway at all, thank you very much for your support.

To all those people who save the pulls tabs, and drop them off, thank you very much.

Maritime Forces Atlantic is proud to present the 14th Annual 'Til We Meet Again concert at the Rebecca Cohn, Halifax, in support of the Camp Hill Veterans' Memorial Garden at the QEII Health Sciences Centre. Tickets are \$15 plus fees/taxes, by phone at 1-800-874-1669, online at <https://kil-dac-web-3.cohn.dal.ca/online/> or in person at the Rebecca Cohn Box Office, 6101 University Ave., Halifax.

The Dart League is up and going again and from all

reports it has gotten off to a very good start. We will have a full report in next month's edition.

The Crib League is pegging along in fine shape, but could use a few more teams. To all the Crib players out there, get yourself a partner and join us on Wednesday evening at 7:30PM sharp, we need you. Standings and stats will be in next month's Journal.

Happy Birthday wishes for October are passed along to

Leslie Fulton, Kelly Eagles, Elsie Bain, Steve Bennett, Phyllis Wilson, Bobby Pash, Betty Hill and Leona Harvey.

Happy Anniversary wishes for October are passed along to Kathy and Eric Barnhill, Eudora and Jim Adshade.

Please don't for get to thank a Veteran, it is because of their sacrifices that we are able to enjoy our freedom and our Country. Please say a prayer for our troops who are serving in foreign countries and their families.



It's not often two brothers land a "keeper bass", however Owen Dykens, left and brother, Gerry each landed one at Little Dyke Beach. Measurements were 33 and 35 inches. (Submitted)

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