

# MacCaul Villa Notes

By Hazel Hill

On September 5th, Bernice Kaulback and her daughter, Linda attended her nephew's wedding in Oxford, NS. Shirley Ryan had Thanksgiving dinner with her daughter Tammy and son-in-law Danny.

Martha Hill returned to her home in Winnipeg, having spent three weeks with me, and we had Thanksgiving dinner at my son, Robert's home. Thanks Betty for a lovely dinner. This being Fire Prevention month the staff from Cobequid Housing came on Thursday October 15th to discuss fire safety and conduct a fire drill. On October 24th the Great Village and district Firemen are having their fund raising auction.

Sorry to report Bernice Kaulback fell and hurt her arm quite badly, no bones broken though. Bernice is recovering well. Faith Baptist Church was here on Thursday evening for Bible study.

CALA has started again for the year. Classes are held in the Café basement on Monday and Wednesday morning and Wednesday afternoon.

Visiting with me this month: Joan Mitchell, Dartmouth; Pat Weese, Red Lake ON; Mary Bryant, Smithers, BC; Hazel McCormick and her son, Mike, Upper Sackville; Gertrude Miller, Great Village; Tracey Miller, Halifax; Carleton and Thelma, Sheet Harbour.

The scenery this fall is just beautiful out Wentworth way and all around the north shore too! Those are the places I have seen and I'm sure everywhere you go would be just the same.

## UCW Rally in Wentworth Successful

By Chris Urquhart

Truro Presbyterial UCW recently held their Fall Rally at Wentworth United in Wentworth. It was a lovely day with 66 in attendance. There was a book display which was very popular.

Guest speakers were: Catherine MacRae speaking about Earth Angels; Beth Durkee talking about the shop she and a friend have in Tatamagouche called Tata Yarns; Rev. Valerie Kingsbury speaking on her road to min-

istry, Letha Mowatt and Noreen Stark giving updates on Biennial, which Truro Presbyterial UCW is hosting April 22-24th in Brookfield; and Crystal Wallis talking about Earth Day and the importance of food safety.

Thank you to each of our guest speakers as well as Wentworth UCW for hosting the event and the wonderful worship service they had; which had been prepared by their minister Rev. Jean Ward.

## Debert Elementary School Notes

By Erma Cox

Debert Elementary has had a whirlwind of activities over the past few weeks but at the top of this list is our recent Fall Fiesta. We hosted a large number of folks from far and near. Children enjoyed pony rides, a petting zoo, bouncy houses and a number of games of chance. A huge book fair and tasty food was available for all. Children and adults alike enjoyed the auction items. Thanks to all who helped make this the huge success it was, including those who donated prizes, worked at stations and baked goodies for our bake table. This has proven to be an awesome experience for all and a wonderful fundraiser for our school. This year over \$3000 was raised between the Fiesta and the Book Fair. Hope to see you all again next year.

Students have finished writing the provincial assessments. Two teachers from Debert will be attending sessions in Halifax to assist with the marking.

We are thrilled to be offering a variety of extracurricular activities. To date we have drama, newspaper club, computer club, choir and after

school sports. Parents are reminded that a note in the agenda for dismissal plans is required for each of these events.

We are seeking interest from parents interested in serving on the school's Advisory Council as we have one position unfilled at this point. Should you have an interest in serving on this Board, please contact the school administrator. The president of our School Advisory Council, Shannon Barnes, will be attending a conference hosted by the School Board next week.

We are excited to be hosting our first annual Christmas Craft Fair on November 21st. There are a number of people who have requested tables for this event and we ask that should you be interested that you call 662-4400 for further information. All sellers will need to book their tables in advance.

Students enjoyed a visit from the Colchester Regional Library staff this week. The highlight of this visit was the 3D printer. Children also got to learn about how they could use the library and get access to lots of books at no

# A Wentworth Tribute to Joe & Georgie Patriquin

By Hope Bridgewater

The Wentworth Pioneers Club, together with two other Wentworth organizations paid tribute recently to Joe (Joseph) and Georgie (Georgina) Patriquin for doing many years of excellent volunteer work for their community and also for being kind and loving people. Residents of Wentworth from birth until 2015, Joe and Georgie decided to leave their Wentworth home in order to locate a home in Truro. The Wentworth community wishes Joe and Georgie the best in their new home, but also wishes them to know they will be greatly missed by the people of Wentworth.

After a Pioneers Club potluck supper at the Wentworth Recreation Centre, members and friends took time to pay Joe and Georgie a tribute of thanks, having made sure they would be attending the potluck supper, even though driving out from Truro. Joe and Georgie were always enthusiastic members of the Pioneer Club and hope to still attend meetings whenever they can.

In 2003 Joe received awards both in Amherst and later in Halifax for being chosen as Cumberland County Volunteer of the year. In Halifax Premier John F Hamm presented Joe with a Nova Scotia plaque which read: "2003 Provincial Volunteer Week presented to Joseph Patriquin [this plaque] in

recognition of exceptional volunteer service representing an outstanding volunteer of Nova Scotia." Two examples of Joe's volunteering were his 40 years as a volunteer firefighter at the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department and his 70 years as choir member in the Wentworth United Church. Joe was also noted for his cheerful personality, his stories, and his jokes. He was known as a clever, skillful player at the card game Auction 45's.

Then, in 2005 Georgie also received awards as Cumberland County Volunteer of the year both in Amherst and in Halifax. Georgie did volunteer fundraising for cancer research by helping quilt the Ski Mount Everest quilt and taking part in Relay for Life. Georgie received a Gold Pin in 2004 for fundraising from the Canadian Cancer Society. Earlier in 1983 Georgie received a Certificate of Merit for fund-raising from the Canadian Red Cross. Georgie also helped at the Wild Blueberry Harvest Festival, the Valley Garden Club, youth events, church work, visiting hospitals and nursing homes, the Wentworth Pioneer Club, the Wentworth Recreation Centre, and other activities. Georgie's concerns reached wide from her home community to this province, to this nation and world wide (i.e. the Red Cross). Georgie was known for her kindness, her willing to help others in need,

and her sympathy when things were tough for others. She loved the game of Dominoes, laughed hard at jokes, and was very friendly.

Tributes were extended from representatives of the Pioneers Club; Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department

and the Wentworth Recreation Centre.

Thanks, Joe and Georgie for all your years in Wentworth, we will miss you living in our midst, and wish you the best at your home in Truro, a town which is lucky to have you living there.



During a tribute to them, Joe and Georgie Patriquin view a cake made to thank them for all their contributions to the Wentworth community. They have moved from Wentworth to a home in Truro. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

## Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade

### DANCE

### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary • FINAL DANCE

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cost. Some of the books that were showcased piqued great interest from our students. We also had the Debert Fire Brigade visit during Fire Prevention Week. The students had an opportunity to see and hear firemen using the breathing apparatus. Raising awareness of these sights and sounds has proven to reduce fear when faced with a real scenario. The fire trucks were also brought down to the school so that students would be aware of all the gear that is needed for emergencies.

The Earth Rangers visited on September 30th. Students observed a variety of species that are becoming endangered and watched as the naturalists brought out different species for their viewing.

One bird decided he liked Debert Elementary so much that he would investigate the gym rafters and basketball nets a little further before returning to his cage for the next part of the presentation. Having things stray from the plan showed students the importance of taking little "mis-steps" in stride and moving on. Special thanks to LaFarge for providing our students with this educational event.

Term 1 will end in mid November. Report Cards will go home on November 17th with Parent teacher interviews being held the following week on Wednesday evening and Friday morning. Remember that you can always check PowerSchool for results from assessments throughout the term but Face to Face conversations with Parent and Teacher often offers a clearer picture of your child's progress.



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