

International Day of Peace observed at Veterans Memorial Park

Peace photos by Linda Harrington.

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To commemorate The International Day of Peace, which is observed worldwide on September 21st, a wonderful event was held at Veterans Memorial Park on Friday, Sept. 20th. The earlier recognition date allowed over 300 students from Great Village Elementary, West Colchester Consolidated and Chignano Elementary to enjoy the presentation of "Peace is a Dream Unfolding, A story of hope", written by Dr. Karen Ewing.

Dr. Karen Ewing has felt compelled to try to encourage peace throughout the world

and she has been instrumental in the growth of a peaceful place of remembrance for those who have served our Country with the establishment of Veterans Memorial Park in her community of Bass River.

Students from West Colchester Consolidated School (WCCS) were puppeteers for the play, bringing colorful trees and giant peace doves to life as the story unfolded. The pattern for the doves were designed through the Jane Goodall Initiative in response to 911.

The story follows the

dream of a young girl who visits a delightful peace garden with her grandfather. As the girl becomes an adult, war has broken out and no one remembers the beauty of peace. Peace can only be returned once people come together and remember the dream. Many creation stories flow beautifully through the dialogue... many colours, one blood; many languages, one breath and ultimately one hope, one dream for world peace.

Dorene Bernard, Grassroots Grandmother, Indian Brook Sipekne'katik performed a tra-

ditional Smudging Ceremony during the International Day of Peace Service and prayers were delivered by Dorene Bernard, Shelly Austin, Irshad Hussain and Lori Ramsey.

Many who gathered for International Day of Peace were moved by the beautiful messages within "Peace is a Dream Unfolding". The school children enjoyed a peaceful picnic lunch following the presentation before taking a tour of the park.



Those who took part in the International Day of Peace presentation pose for a group photo.



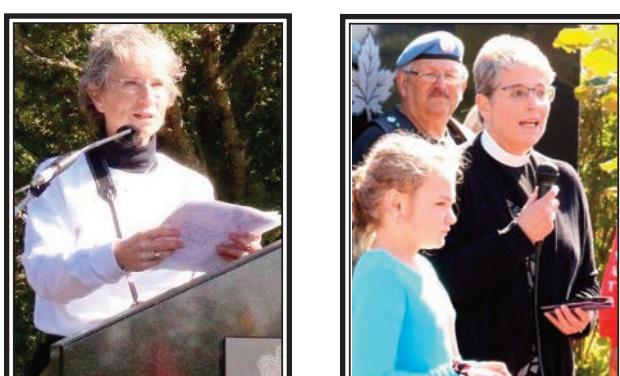
Members of the Veterans UN-NATO Nova Scotia Motorcycle Club were a strong support at the event.



There were over 300 students present from area schools.



Doreen Bernard offered a Mi'kmaw Prayer.



Dr. Karen Ewing, author of "Peace is a Dream Unfolding" welcomes everyone to the special service recognizing the International Day of Peace.



International Day of Peace



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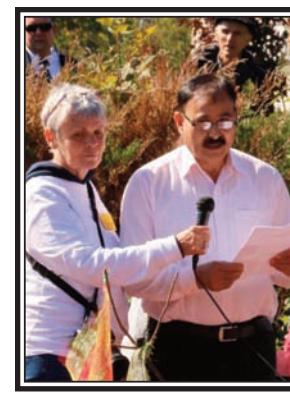
Lori Ramsey offered a Christian Prayer.



The doves spread out to the four corners of the world. WCCS students did a wonderful job as puppets for Peace if a Dream Unfolding.



Dorene Bernard, Grassroots Grandmother, Indian Brook Sipekne'katik performed a traditional Smudging Ceremony.



Irshad Hussain offered a Muslim Prayer.



Shelly Austin offered a Hebrew Prayer.

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