

Colchester/East Hants Senior Clubs Visit Wentworth



Lloyd Tatttrie, Tatamagouche, will celebrate his 99th birthday on December 15, 2011. He still composes and records music selling his CD's worldwide. New compositions and reprinted CD's sell out quickly. He still plays concerts, especially nursing homes. (Valerie White Photo).

By Hope Bridgewater

Vince DeAdder, President of the Colchester/East Hants Senior Council, recently planned a summer picnic for the 14 senior clubs in his jurisdiction. His plan was to hold a picnic in the Wentworth Provincial Park, one of the most beautiful parks in Nova Scotia, serene and peaceful in the Wentworth Valley, which is located between two ranges of the Cobequid Mountains.

I digress, from the summer picnic, to mention the wood turtles which inhabit the Wentworth Provincial Park. As described by the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History, wood turtles are smart and alert, known for their orange neck and legs, and are listed as at risk of being endangered. The turtles should not be taken as pets and need to be shown care by visitors at the Park. In early summer, the turtles travel upstream, each turtle lays 8 to 10 eggs in a nest in gravel banks along the stream found in the Wentworth Provincial Park.

Later the young turtles can be seen on the bank of the stream and in the near-by fields. In Nova Scotia, the wood turtles are being monitored by "Turtle Watch" and were even mentioned as important to save by environmentalist and activist Jane Goodall, who visited Nova Scotia during April, 2011.

The Colchester/East Hants clubs are in the following areas: Brookfield, Elmsdale/Enfield, Debert, Upper Kennetcook, Truro

(three clubs), Tatamagouche (two clubs), Mount Uniacke, Nine Mile River, Upper Rawdon, East Noel, and Stewiacke. As it was raining on the date of the picnic, the Colchester/East Hants clubs met at the large Wentworth Recreation Centre, located down the road from the Wentworth Provincial Park. In case of rain, permission for use of the Centre was granted by the executive of the Wentworth Recreation Centre.

The attendance for this picnic was small but appreciative. Focus of entertainment was the music group who played their instruments (violin, piano, mandolin, two guitars) on the stage. The musicians were Lloyd Tatttrie (violin), Hilda Langille (mandolin), Kenny Wilson (guitar), Sonny Patriquin (guitar), and Betty Curry (piano). The pianist, Betty Curry, was an invited guest from the Wentworth Pioneer Club of Cumberland County and, as vice-President of the Wentworth Recreation Centre executive, welcomed the group as well as helping show the Colchester/East Hants clubs how to use the facilities. Charles Patriquin of Wentworth came out to the Recreation Centre especially to show the musicians the intricacies of the P.A. system.

Both Kenny Wilson and Sonny Patriquin did a splendid job of singing a few songs, adding to the beauty of the musical performance. All the musicians were talented, but I hope they will not mind if I give special focus to violinist Lloyd Tatttrie of Tatamagouche. Mr. Tatttrie said he has been playing the violin since he was 11 years of age. Immensely talented in the field of "old time" country music, Mr. Tatttrie has played at hundreds of concerts and at his present age of 98 still plays concerts, especially at nursing homes. Mr. Tatttrie composes music and sells his c.d.'s worldwide, and every new c.d. and every reprinted c.d. sell out very quickly. Mr. Tatttrie's ready wit and easy personality is very evident, he will be 99 years of age on December 15, 2011, and a special ceremony is being held in Berwick on December 17, 2011 when Mr. Tatttrie will be inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame. Certainly it is a pleasure to meet Lloyd Tatttrie, and when he came down offstage to eat the potluck lunch, he was greeted by his fans attending the event.

Another focus of the meeting was that Vince DeAdder, President of the Colchester/East Hants Council, invited Valerie White, CEO of the Department of Seniors, to attend the event. After Ms. White was introduced by Mr. DeAdder, Ms. White thanked him for the invitation, told the audience about the Department of Seniors and about the grants being offered to seniors. Ms. White drove all the way from Halifax on this rainy day in order to attend and her visit was greatly appreciated by all those in attendance.

The potluck supper prepared by the Colchester/East Hants clubs consisted of cold plates, desserts, and sweets. These clubs also brought drinks and these were backed up by coffee and tea made by Betty Curry for the occasion.

Onslow Belmont Notes

By Debbie Weatherby
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Well the exhibition is in town once again for another year, which means the kids start back to school very shortly. Not sure where the time went but it is going fast.

We now have 2 new heifers, cute as buttons too. They are so fun to watch and make you laugh. They love to torment their Mums and keep them busy watching over them. Wish they could stay small but alas they grow up and get a bit bigger.

Congratulations to Gerald and Eudora McDade of Central Onslow on celebrating 60 years of marriage on July 18, 2001.

Condolences go out to Doug Hazell (Shannon Mercer) of Belmont and the families on the loss of his brother Kevin Arnold Hazell on June 30, 2011; William "Bill" (Sharon) MacDonald of Belmont and the families on the loss of his mother Audrey Viola MacDonald on July 11, 2011;

Debbie (Brian) Lindsay, Bev Beaton, Parker (Shelly) MacPhee and the rest of the family on the loss of their father, Donald Franklin MacPhee on July 12, 2011; Aubrey (Chris) Gamble of Belmont and the families on the loss of his mother Florence Beatrice Gamble on July 18, 2011 and Orville Otterson of Crowes Mills and the families on the loss of his wife Irene Otterson on August 21, 2011.

Services are held every Sunday at the Trinity United Church in Onslow at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School at the same time. There is card playing of 45's every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. with lunch and prizes provided. Everyone is welcome to come out for an enjoyable evening.

Belmont Baptist church services are held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Prayer meeting is held Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Hope you all have a good Labour Day Holiday.

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Great Village and Area Notes

By Florence Adams

Three generations of the Austin family, William and his father David from here and grandfather Wilfred Austin of Collingwood attended the Highland Games in New Brunswick on the weekend of July 24th.

Kenneth and Dianne Peppard enjoyed a visit earlier this month from Rod Sherman and friend Helen Andrews of Whitby, Ontario.

Derek Lundie and Cole Peppard left August 15th to return to Edmonton after a month's visit with family and friends here.

Sympathy is extended to the Austin family on the passing of David's uncle Henry Austin.

Ken and Libby Peddle of Newfoundland spent several days visiting Robert and

Natalie Adams. They then left for Montreal to accompany their great grandchildren Baillie and Lucas home to Montreal.

Baillie and Lucas have been visiting their grandparents Robert and Natalie Adams for the summer.

Joyce Adams of Vancouver spent a week visiting family and friends including a trip around the Cabot trail then returned home accompanied by her daughter Drew, who had been visiting here for a month.

Claude and Elaine Adams left for Tappen, British Columbia after spending a month visiting family and friends in the district.

Teresa and Fred Beazley and children spent August 15th and 16th in Tiverton where they enjoyed a trip

whale watching.

The Elizabeth Bishop Centenary Festival held the weekend of August 19th - 21st sponsored by the Elizabeth Bishop Society was a huge success. It included walking tours, and horse and wagon tours, workshops, readings and interviews. An old fashioned church service was held in St. James Church on 21st and the celebrations wound up with a Musique Royal Concert on the evening of the 21st.

John Leask and wife now of Waterloo, Ontario visited family and friends here recently. John grew up in Great Village.

The old baseball field on the hill near the cross road has been renovated and we can now look forward to the baseball games there, thanks

to the Community Association.

Alan Peppard is home at his mother Marie Peppard's house. Though in a wheel chair, he enjoys visits from his friends and gets out quite a bit. His uncle Kenneth Peppard and friend Rod Sherman from Whitby, Ontario visited him August 17th.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Arthur and Shirley Chisholm on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. May you have many more.

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