

Pearl & Daisy Getting New Equipment



Pearl & Daisy Natural Soap Company President and CEO Rebecca Taylor shows product to MP Scott Armstrong.



Touring the facilities, Scott Armstrong was in Debert on August 17th to announce a \$70,950 repayable loan from the Government of Canada through ACOA.



Rebecca shows off in inventory shelves in the new facility.

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Rebecca Taylor was leaving the following day for a trip to the New York International Gift Fair where she planned to meet potential buyers and unveil her new Candy Cane collection made with vanilla and peppermint.

"Our sales have doubled since last year and we expect to exceed this growth in 2013," says Taylor as she shows a drying rack with 4300 bars of freshly made soap. "Our biggest challenge has been exporting and so I was very happy to hear Scott's comments about the government's commitment to reduce the issues at the Canada/US border and the ongoing work with the Canadian-Europe Free trade agreement."

In addition to handcrafted soap, which is made using a traditional hand-stirred kettle process, the company also offers Sea Salt & Mineral Bath

Soak and Solid Lotion Body Balm, and natural lip balm in six Nova Scotia flavours (the most popular is Blueberry Grunt).

In the Truro area Pearl & Daisy products can be found at Saltscapes Restaurant & General Store, Tifanie's Hair Design, Cabanna Salon & Day Spa and Masstown Market Gift Shop. For more information go to <http://www.pearlanddaisy.com/>

Masstown Community News

By *Christine Urquhart*

It has been a hot, dry summer and our lawns have suffered. Now that we are finally getting some rain they will soon be nice and green again. Unfortunately, this means we are back to mowing our lawns! The birds, too, miss the rain. I hope you have kept a bird bath full of clean water for them near your feeders. I also hope that you have made sure that your pets have had lots of fresh, clean water to drink as needed. Remember, it's not easy to be out in this heat in a fur coat! People also need lots of water. Remember to drink 8 glasses of water a day to keep yourself hydrated, especially on hot, muggy days. Always water your outside plants either early in the morning or last thing at night so the water has a chance to soak into the ground before the sun comes out and dries things up. Never mow your lawn during the hottest hours of the day; this is both hard on your lawn and yourself!

School starts up in a few days. Remember to slow down in the school zones and to watch for the children as they make their way back and forth to school. Many will be starting school for the first time and will be too excited to notice the traffic as they should, so please watch out for them.

The DGM Men's Club will hold their breakfast meeting on Saturday September 1st, 8am at the Double C Restaurant in Lower Debert. All men are welcome to attend this meeting.

Masstown UCW will meet on Thursday September 6th, 7pm, at the Masstown United Church basement. All ladies welcome to attend this meeting.

The Masstown Community Association will meet on Tuesday September 25th, 7pm at the restaurant part of the Masstown Market. Everyone welcome! Do you have an interest in your community? Do you want to see different events take place here at home? If so, come to this meeting. If this is a bad night for you but you would like to find out more about our association, call our chairperson Lynda Stevenson 641-2320.

Summer is a great time for visitors! Many folks from far away have been seen at the Masstown Market as well as at our local camp grounds. Here at home we have had some special visitors who came from "away" for two weddings! The first wedding was that of Lindsey Jennings and Warren Jones. Lindsey is the daughter of David and Annette Jennings. She and Warren will be living in Byemore Alberta, farming next door to his parents Mark and Julie Jones, who were also home for the wedding along with two of Warren's sisters. Also home was Elizabeth MacDonald,

daughter of Lloyd Jennings, from Sackville New Brunswick; Linda McGraw and her daughter Shelby from Prince George BC, daughter of Cecil and Dotty Jennings, and also their son Brian and his wife Tracy Jennings and their children Stephanie, Matthew and Craig from Toronto. The wedding was held in Valley at Lindsey's aunt's home and although it was very hot, it was a wonderful day and a beautiful wedding alongside the river.

The second wedding was Kay Maxwell's granddaughter Victoria Maxwell's. Victoria is the daughter of Kay's son John and his wife Grace who live in Dartmouth. Victoria married Sean Mercer who is originally from Halifax but they will be living in Kingston, Ontario. Home for this wedding were Sandra Maxwell, Kay's daughter, and her children Lauren and Jason Guindon from Airdrie, Alberta. Lauren is a student in Lethbridge Alberta and her boyfriend Sawyer Walker from Lethbridge was also with them. Victoria and Sean's wedding took place at the Saraguay House in Bedford Nova Scotia, outside on the lawn looking over

the Bedford Basin. The reception was held there as well. It was well attended, the weather was perfect and it was a very beautiful wedding. Guests were there from Alberta, Saskatchewan, Tennessee, Massachusetts, and Ontario; as well as all over Nova Scotia. The happy couple will live in Kingston Ontario.

Also; visiting her parents Jerry and Marina Fisher were their daughter Valery Hallingsworth from Camden, Valery's daughter Sara Rant and her daughters Samatha and Alli Rant from Vancouver BC. They had a great family get together at Jerry and Marina's with great food and even balloons! Brenton and Denise Smith of Kentville visited Ron and Chris Urquhart. Our minister Carol Gillard had her daughter C. J. (Carol Jean) Pudsey, son-in-law Kevin Pudsey and her two grandchildren Cole and Brea Pudsey visiting her from Countice Ontario, as well as her sister Jean MacPherson from Glace Bay in Cape Breton. Carol also spent a few days visiting relatives and friends in Cape Breton.

Masstown's Natal Day a Fun Time

By *Christine Urquhart*

The Natal Day Fun Day at the Masstown Community Park was a huge success! A good crowd turned out to enjoy live music, games, fortune telling, our special Teddy Bear nurses, and food! Only one dog came for our dog parade so it was canceled. Maybe next time!

Thank you to Castle Hardware for their tent canopy, Tim Hortons for the coffee and Tim bits, the Masstown Market for the hot-dog buns and discount on the hotdogs, the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade for their truck, Ron Urquhart who did First Aid (only one bandaid!) and to "Double Pleasure" - Sally Jennings and Bev Forsythe along with Bill Green of

"County Transit", for their lovely music. They played all afternoon to everyone's pleasure.

The children enjoyed the different games of races, candy scrambles etc. and the adults had fun playing washer toss. The weather cooperated and the rain held off until evening. The children enjoyed turning on the siren on the fire truck as well as getting to see all the equipment. Some of the adults enjoyed this too! I hear they are looking for volunteers!! Anyway, a good time was had by all. Thanks to all who came to make it such a special day.

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