



Patti Newall of Upper Stewiacke, a recent visitor to the shore, drew the winning ticket for an overnight at Four Seasons Retreat cottages, lobster dinner for two complete with wine and dessert and a breakfast basket fit for a king, compliments of Four Seasons and Cobequid Interpretive Centre. The fundraiser was for maintenance at the Centre, located in Economy. The lucky winner was Bob Harding of Truro. (MacLellan Photo)

Economy & Five Islands News

By Ruth Thompson
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Recent visitors with Bert and Lucia Fulmore were Nancy Cota and her children Ashely and Ryan Cota. Olsen and Linda Field recently attended the Graduation of their granddaughter, Emily-Ann Reade, from South Colchester Academy. She was awarded numerous scholarships and awards and will be studying to become a machinist. Good work Emily-Ann and congratulations from you family and many friends.

The next event at the Economy Recreation centre will be the Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, September 28th. Lots of items to look at and buy. There will also be a bake table. Come out and enjoy good food with no calories

Some of our summer residents and packing up and going home for the fall. It is always nice to see those people come every year. Safe journey to all the travellers. I had

both of my granddaughters visit me recently, Meghan, Scarborough, Ontario and Brooke from Lower Sackville. They visited me at different times. We had a nice time with GIRLS time.

All activities at the Recreation Centre will start in September.

Recent visitors with Marilyn and Denny Cock were: Bettijane Graham from B.C. Also visiting were Gerald & Elsie Wood from Centreville, N.S. Marilyn and Denny have their

Granddaughters, Sara and Marine from Vancouver, B.C. All communities along the shoreline have been bustling with activity this summer. There have been lots of tourists and lots of people away coming home for a visit.

There's been a variety of music at Mo's and Diane's Restaurant held their first annual Clam Jam. The steamed clams are reported to have been very tasty and the music

delightful.

The Wild Blueberry Festival kicked-off in Economy with an evening of dessert and entertainment on the 17th. Carole Dibbon, Ray Dibbon and Linda Field were hilarious in a mini play - a tribute to mama. There were a number of skits (some seemed a little fishy), celtic and country music and even a special step dancer. The food was delicious and the evening very enjoyable. Hats off to all those who made it so!

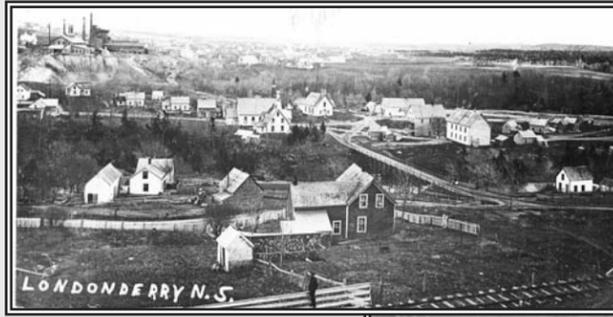
Rev. Florence and Paul were blessed with their first grandchild July 30. Best wishes and congratulations to them and the proud parents. Bass River-Portapique will be having a sale of fall Vesey's bulbs in order for us to begin to plan and plant for next year's fun and festivities.

If any of you want to give me news from Economy, you can do so by calling me at 324-2262. Thank goodness for Brenda Moore, she is a great help to me. Thanks a bunch, Brenda.

Historic Sites

ACADIA MINES BEFORE AND AFTER THE FIRE OF 1920 LONDONDERRY

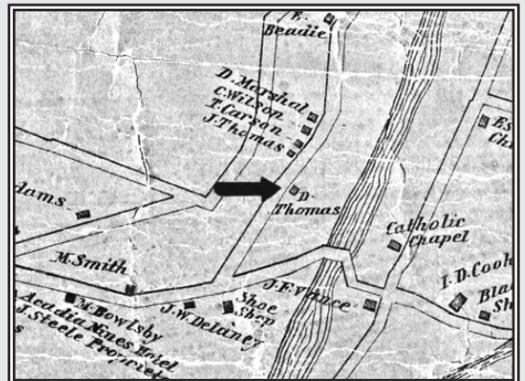
The Shoreline Journal, in collaboration with the Colchester Historical Society Archives, have inaugurated an ongoing feature utilizing a combination of the digital "A. F. Church Maps" to pin point the circa 1875 location of a Colchester site of historical importance, and connect it to an archival photograph of that site, in that frame.



By Dick Akerman

The arrow pointer on map #334 locates the approximate spot on the west bank of the Great Village River in Londonderry (Acadia) Mines, where these photos were taken, some thirty years apart. Photo #1 taken before the turn of the century, shows, in the foreground, the rail track at the base of the hill leading to the right, the mines at Lornevale. In the middle foreground is the "Chapel Bridge" and across the bridge, on the left, St Ambrose's church, with its glebe house. On the other side of the church is Church Street, today's road to Sutherland's Lake. To the right of St Ambrose and across Church Street is the Baptist Church. Across the bridge to the right, the building with the eight windows is St Bridget's Hall, the center of social life in this town. Traveling theater groups, circuses, the local brass band all used this hall over the years to entertain the citizens of this thriving community. In the extreme upper left can be seen the Rolling Mills, where the iron ore taken from the hills around was turned into steel products.

Photo # 2, taken after the great fire of 1920, shows the complete devastation of the area. St Ambrose Church and its Glebe house were burned. The building now in its place was the abandoned Salvation Army Building, which survived the fire, and was obtained by the



Parish and moved to the old site, where a steeple was added to the structure. This building still exists, and is the one shown on page 144 of Truman Matheson's "History of Londonderry" which has been republished and is available in the "Archives" Bookstore. The fire of 1920 provided the closing chapter to the story of this once vibrant community. In 1890 the population was approaching three thousand people, with nearly as many more in the outlying hamlets; today's Londonderry Mines has less than two hundred inhabitants. Like so many mining towns in Nova Scotia, it was "Boom to Bust" in just seventy years.

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