

Close Call at Two Islands



Fire fighters Matt Stewart, James Shaw and Alex Mathews from the Parrsboro Fire Department rescued a couple at Two Islands on August 15th. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

By Lawrence Nicoll

While at the Wasson dig a little after 4:00 pm on August 15th, I heard sirens, later saw a boat near Two Islands off Parrsboro. As I got closer I realized a rescue had been in progress. A young couple (names withheld on request) decided to cross at low tide to Two Islands and do a 360 of the big island.

When they came around on the final leg of their journey they experience an "Oh SHOOT" moment realizing the tide is faster than anticipated and they would not be

able to cross. Some time passed and finally they made a 911 call and Parrsboro Fire arrived with their zodiac.

Fire fighters Matt Stewart, James Shaw and Alex Mathews donned their survival suits and crossed to the island, picked up the couple and quickly returned.

They reported that by now they had picked up a chill and were grateful to return to safety. It is regrettable that these incidents continue to happen, but at least this time it had a happy ending.



Ed Gilbert has done it again. Local history is well preserved along the shoreline with the many historians publishing local histories. Sunday July 7th Ed Gilbert had a book signing for his latest, Ships and Sailors, full of local and personal sailing tales along the shore. Known to be a great story teller, Ed doesn't disappoint the reader with his latest book. Pictured above is Kerwin Davison purchasing a copy of Ed Gilbert's Book, with Thelma and the Ottawa House Facility Mgr, Susan Clarke. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

Betty Curry Celebrates Birthday



Betty Curry who has been choir director and organist for 67 years recently celebrated her birthday. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

By Hope Bridgewater

Wentworth resident Betty Curry has contributed many hours of service to the Wentworth community. Betty was previously president of the Wentworth United Church Women (1994-1997). Currently she is co-chair of the Wentworth Recreation Centre executive, organizer and pianist of the monthly Sunday Music Afternoon at the Wentworth Recreation Centre.

She has always served the community in a variety of ways including choir director and organist of the Wentworth United Church for the past 67 years, and secretary of the Cumberland County Council of Senior Citizens. As well, Betty is well known as pianist for many years to the groups who play down-

east old-time fiddle music.

Recently, Betty celebrated her birthday with friends at Janice and Bob Smith's home located at beautiful Mattatall Lake.

Bunker Tours a Big Hit!



Mike Taylor leads a group tour through the Debert Diefenbunker on July 28th. The two days of tours was a very successful fundraiser for the Debert Military Museum, with over 130 people participating. A second weekend of tours will take place on August 17th and 18th. Tours will leave every half hour from 10:00AM, with the last tour leaving at 1:00PM. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

The Debert Diefenbunker still has appeal, almost 50 years after it was first built.

Debert Military History Society's President Sue Taylor says the first weekend of bunker tours went really well with 86 people through on Saturday, and over 40 by noon on Sunday.

Tours were offered to the public on July 27th and 28th, as a fund raiser for the Debert Military Museum. "We really appreciate the fact this fund raiser was able to happen," says Sue, "It was very gracious of the bunker's current owner Jonathan Baha'I to offer us this opportunity."

Tour guides Dave Stewart and Michael Taylor lead a steady stream of visitors through the unique facility, some coming quite a distance for the opportunity.

Earl and Sharon Mossman drove up from Liverpool, Queens County after reading about the bunker Tour. "It peaked our interest," she says, "It was always something we wanted to do, so we made a day of it touring the Military Museum first, and after this we are going to see the Yellow Wing planes at the airport."

Pam Caswill, of Bridgewater, was on her way to Amherst and was

happy to have the opportunity to tour something so different. "This is something you just can't see every day," she said.

Even local residents who had been able to view the bunker before decided not to miss the opportunity for another look. Jeanie McCully, of Debert, said she had been through years

ago but appreciated hearing the historical information presented by tour guide Mike Taylor during this tour.

Diefenbunker Tours will take place one more time on August 17th and 18th. Escorted tours will take place every half hour, beginning at 10:00AM, with the last tour at 1:00PM.



Digging Dinosaurs: The Parrsboro area is famous for digs along the shore. Shown during a dig at Wasson Bluff are (L-R) Robert Grantham, Kathy Ogden, Tim Fedack, and Leigh Van Drecht. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Leigh Van Drecht is shown methodically digging for dinos at the recent Wasson Bluff Dig. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

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