

# Did someone say Fall is in the air in Parrsboro?

By Patricia Burke

In writing this report, blueberry season is in full swing. On passing blueberry fields, you can see very few scoopers, not like the years I scooped, there were busloads going to the fields. I guess the blueberry harvester has taken over the work of many scoopers.

September will see lots of activities in the Parrsboro area, showing that our town never slows down, giving visitors and residents lots to do. Fri. Aug 30-Sept 2 the Ottawa House Museum will sponsor a Blueberry Dessert Festival. Sun Sept 2 the Anglican Church will hold their Sun. Service on the veranda at the Ottawa House at 11 am.

Movies for all at "The Hall" will be held on Wed. Sept. 4 (Hyde Park in Hudson) and Sept 18 (Promised Land). Movies start at 8 pm. You definitely don't want to miss the monthly soup and chowder luncheon at

Trinity United Church from 11:30-1 pm.

Open Mic's return to the hall on Fri. Sept 13 and 27 starting at 7 pm. Donations appreciated, door prize and 50-50 draw and canteen available. Need more info, call Rob Bentley at 254-4669.

If x-mas is starting to enter your mind the Ottawa House Museum will hold a X-Mas Tea and Sale on Sun. Sept 15 from 12:30- 2 pm. St. Georges Anglican Church will hold a Ham & Scallop Supper in their hall on Thurs. Sept. 19, 2013 at 4:30 pm.

Storytelling will continue each Thursday Evening at 7:30 pm at the Ottawa House. Donations appreciated. Oct 25-27 The Parrsboro Film Festival will take place at "The Hall". For all the details check with the halls website: www.thehall.ca. For all the recreation events and anything else in the community, go to the town of Parrsboro website.

## Discriminating Against Seniors

By Chris Urquhart

This is the age of computers but many of our seniors do not have, nor know how to operate, computers. Because of this they are being made into second class citizens. You don't believe me?

Well, Bell Aliant will no longer include envelopes for you to mail in your phone bill - they tell you to "pay it on-line or at the bank". Many of our seniors are disabled and cannot "get to the bank" and without a computer they can't "pay on-line" either.

For many companies if you want their information you have to look it up on-line. Again, our computer-less seniors are unable to do this. Photocopiers no longer have a place to slide in your camera card - you have to hook them up to the computer. Again - discrimination against many of our seniors (and also our improvised families, many of whom are seniors!)

Newspapers want you to read their news "on-line" to save paper, and put our paper mills out of business. People in a hurry park in handicapped zones forgetting that these are there to help those who find walking any distance a problem, and these are usually seniors.

Large stores have few if any benches for these folks to rest while shopping in their stores. Maybe they don't want their money? Even many of the magazines which come in the mail have their "top stories" only on-line. We have the country we have because of our seniors.

It is time we stopped discriminating against them and started thinking about ways to make things easier for them. If you agree, start talking to those people who can make a difference - store managers, your MLA, and your local government officials.

One step at a time and we can change the world!

## Patter from PreSchool

By Joann Michelin

It is that time again when we look towards going to school in September. We will find many changes in our classroom~ new faces coming, and familiar faces moving on to "Big School". We had a very successful year last year and look forward to offering a loving and stimulating experience for all the families that will join us this year.

We have been busy renovating, an unending chore! We have new people on our executive and at this time would like to thank Tara Hill for the many years she has been involved with our center. Not only has she provided 4 children that attended, but she was our president for many years and has implemented some very efficient changes. There are not enough words to

express our thanks for her time and energies.

We have a registration of 33 children this year and 3 teachers. Joann, Claire and Sheina have great plans for this year so anyone else that would like to join our Preschool Family is welcome. Contact 662-2495 or see our ad for more info.

To all our Big Schoolers~ have fun in your new schools... for those returning... we can't wait.

## National Peacekeepers Day Recognized in Debert

By Linda Harrington

August 9th is recognized as National Peacekeepers Day in Canada. On this date, in 1974, the greatest loss of Canadian lives on a peacekeeping mission occurred. Nine Canadians were shot down while serving with the United Nations Emergency Force in Egypt and Israel.

Past and present peacekeepers are honoured across Canada on August 9th. These honourable men and women include members of the Canada's Armed Forces, Canadian diplomats, the RCMP, provincial and municipal police forces and civilians. Over 125,000 Canadians have served in UN and NATO peacekeeping missions.

A special service was held at the Debert Military Museum.

"We must remember that the keeping of the peace does not come cheap and that the sacrifices of

our peacekeepers must not be forgotten," said Museum President Sue Taylor prior to a wreath laying by Comrades Tom McDonald and Walter Perrin.

Guest speaker MLA Karen Casey thanked all Peacekeepers on behalf of all members of the Legislative Assembly and noted their duties are often "more like peacemaking than peacekeeping in some situations. And our Canadians have stepped up to the plate, many Nova Scotians as well, to make sure that countries less fortunate than ours have an opportunity to come together and to start to rebuild".

Refreshments were served following the service. Many took the opportunity to look around the Peacekeepers' Room, dedicated in honour of the late Richard Ross. Mr. Ross, a former Peacekeeper, along with former MLA Bill Langille, showed great leadership and dedication in helping establish August 9th as Peacekeepers Day.



OBFB Firefighters work carefully to make sure their "patient" is secure to prevent further injury.



Onslow Belmont were one of several Fire Brigade's with a display set up at the NSPE racetrack on August 24th.



Friendly wave from Sparky!



Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade completed a vehicle extrication demonstration at the NSPE in about 25 minutes. The procedure is a valuable training exercise for fire fighters.

## Church Services for September

By Christine Urquhart

As we look into September many events are starting back up again. Church services for the

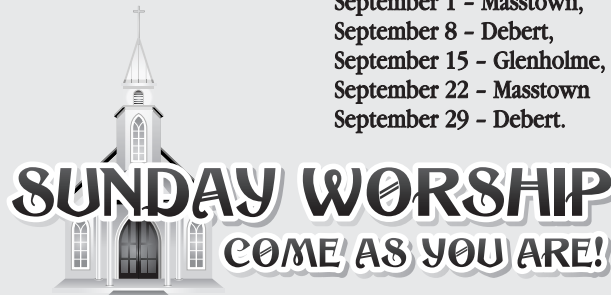
Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge (that's Masstown, Debert and Glenholme) will remain at 10am with rotating services.

September 1 - Masstown,  
September 8 - Debert,  
September 15 - Glenholme,  
September 22 - Masstown  
September 29 - Debert.

The minister is Carol Gillard M.Div. and if you need her for any reason you can reach her at the Church manse at 662-2617.

Masstown UCW will meet on Thursday September 5th, 7pm, at the Masstown United Church. All ladies welcome.

The DGM Men's Club will hold their breakfast meeting on Saturday September 7th, 8am, at the Double C Restaurant. All men welcome.



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