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Six months old!

Since April, The TownCryer has been gaining popularity. It is hoped this trend will continue during the next six months and beyond. In this issue, The TownCryer welcomes the RCMP of the Halifax District-North Central office as a regular contributor. To ensure the continued success of The TownCryer please share your news. This little paper has the potential to become bigger and better – with your help! Please consider sending along birthday wishes, wedding anniversary and birth announcements to be included in future issues. Let others know what your organization is all about and what it is doing in our community by submitting to The TownCryer, on or before the 15th of each month.

Complimentary issues of The TownCryer are available at J & J's Restaurant, Reid's Restaurant, Horton's Convenience Store and Haverstock's Pharmacy. As well, The TownCryer is available online by visiting www.towncryernews.ca.

If you wish help offset the expense of printing The TownCryer, your donations will be gratefully accepted and appreciated.

One day only

Rally in the Musquodoboit Valley is a popular event organized by the Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association. This autumn celebration, scheduled for Sept. 30 at the Exhibition Grounds, Middle Musquodoboit, provides people the chance to squeeze in one more opportunity to have fun. Gardeners are encouraged to participate in The King of the Garden Contest. Prizes are awarded in various categories for, among other things, the largest/smallest sunflowers and

pumpkins. Car buffs will enjoy meeting owners of vintage vehicles who are participating in a Show 'n' Shine. Musical entertainment, games, concessions, along with demonstrations and a tractor parade ensure a fun-filled day for everyone. Phone 384-2006 for a detailed schedule of events or for more information.

And the winners are...

The Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association thanks all those who purchased 50/50 tickets during the Halifax County Exhibition. Congratulations to the following winners: Florence Benere, Enfield, Bertha Jeffers, Elderbank, Tim Werenka, Stewiacke and David Zaerske, Dartmouth. Thanks again for everyone's continued support!

Healthy Connections Wellness Show

This is your chance to learn more about staying healthy. If you are interested in learning more about health services and products available in the Musquodoboit Valley and surrounding area, be sure to drop by the Healthy Connections Wellness Show on Sept. 29 between 9:30 am and 4:00 pm at the Natural Resources Education Centre, Middle Musquodoboit. This event will enable you to learn more about taking care of your health and well-being.

Throughout the day, there will be demonstrations, information sessions and a wealth of knowledge to explore.

Admission is only \$2 with net proceeds going to the Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank. For more information, phone Sharon: 384-2948 or email: julioxford@eastlink.ca

Please note: This event is being supported by a Community Development Fund Grant from the Eastern Shore Musquodoboit Community Health Board.

It pays to advertise!

The Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association (MVTA) now promotes community events on the marquis located at the exhibition grounds parking area.

Please forward your info to mtva@ns.sympatico.ca or phone: 384-2006. The MVTA will also include your upcoming events on their web page and we'll put it in The TownCryer. Call today!!

A sheep or two and a kangaroo

is not available this month.

We're gonna miss you

The board of directors for the Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association extends sincere thanks and best wishes to the students who were employed at the Visitor Information Centre, Middle Musquodoboit and the Moose River Gold Mines Museum, Moose River. Catherine Taylor is returning to Memorial University to complete her music education degree. Samantha Jeans is returning to Dalhousie to complete her International Development and Sociology Degree. Dylan Matthias is going to Kings College and taking Journalism and Kayleigh Brown is going to Acadia University and taking Pre-Pharmacy. Good luck to all and thanks again!

Announcements

The TownCryer invites you to submit birth announcements, wedding anniversaries and birthdays to info@towncryernews.ca for publication in upcoming issues.

Happy anniversary

Congratulations to Mike and Marilyn McFetridge who celebrated their wedding anniversary on August 31. Best wishes from your friends and family.

Upcoming events

Sept 8 Dammien Alexander "Sonic Cinema",
Bicentennial Theatre

Sept 8-9 50-Mile Route of Yard Sales. Contact:
384-2006
Sept 22 Hot Turkey Supper, St. Andrew's
Church, Elderbank
Sept 28 Joel Plaskett – solo performance,
Bicentennial Theatre
Sept 29 Kirk Logan Old Time Fiddling Contest
at the Bicentennial Theatre
Sept 29 Healthy Connections Wellness Show,
Natural Resources Centre
Sept 30 Rally in the Musquodoboit Valley and
King of the Garden Contest - One day
only this year!! Phone: 384-2006 for
more info.

For details about any of the above, or to see further into the fall for what's going on in our Valley, go to: www.mvta.net and click on UPCOMING EVENTS.

Contact info@towncryernews.ca to submit your contribution to Upcoming Events! NOTE: The DEADLINE for the NEXT ISSUE of THE TOWN CRYER is SEPTEMBER 15. Printed copies of The TownCryer are distributed through: Reid's, Haverstock's, Horton's Convenience Store, and J&J's Restaurant. You can sign up to receive the TownCryer by email at: www.towncryernews.ca . Subscriptions are FREE!!

To serve and protect

The TownCryer is pleased to welcome the RCMP Halifax District-North Central Office as a regular contributor.

RCMP Halifax district – North central office

In October 2006, RCMP Halifax District established an office in the Musquodoboit Valley, called the North Central Office. Since then the office has moved to a more permanent and central location at 12090 Highway 224. The current staff consists of: Cpl. Christmas; Cst. Anctil; Cst. Knowles; Cst. Pollock; and Cst. Howe and Public Service Employee (PSE), Karen Holman. The office will be back to four members and the full-time PSE after the summer vacation season is over.

The office is open to the community and our hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, with the exception of holidays. To answer the big question... what goes on in our community? There were 95 calls for service in the month of July, many of these being traffic stops and driving complaints, as well as pro-active assignments, which are when members attend local events or check areas, such as parks and schools for suspicious activity.

As part of our commitment to your community in providing Safe Homes and Safe Communities, we are providing a monthly Safety Tip to help keep your home safe during the busy summer months. As the weather becomes warmer, more people take vacations, leaving their homes unattended for an extended period of time. Before you leave on vacation consider the following:

Visibility factors: Can you look inside your windows and see expensive items? Keep valuables out of view and keep blinds and drapes closed when you're not home. Don't hang keys in the home where they are visible through windows. Instead, keep them in a secure place.

Keep valuables safe: Keep valuable belongings (jewelry, papers, certificates, etc.) out of sight. If possible, keep them in a safety deposit box away from home. Other valuables should be engraved with your name and phone number which will help police identify your property. Consider recording the serial number of valuable items and taking photos of these items and note any identifiable markings. This will be of benefit to a police investigation.

Get to know your neighbours: Arrange to have a trusted friend or family member check your residence while you are away. Ask them to collect your mail and newspapers. Form a Neighbourhood Watch group. Take note of any suspicious people or vehicles in your neighbourhood.

Invest in monitoring systems: Consider an alarm, notification system or timers for lighting and electronics. For an emergency please call 911. For a non-emergency please call 1-866-443-6344.

Thank you!

The board of directors for the Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association extends a sincere thank you to Sylvia Pickles, of Chaswood, for her generous donation to The TownCryer. The TownCryer is free, however, if you wish to help offset the cost of printing, your

donations will be gratefully accepted. Thanks again, Sylvia!

Bit of a giggle

So, I was getting in to my car and this bloke says to me, "Can you give me a lift?"

I said, "Sure! You look great! The world's your oyster! Go for it!"

Joe Howe House

The following is an excerpt from the community history of Upper Musquodoboit, which was compiled in 1983.

Among the pioneers' happiest days were those when William Annand and Joseph Howe lived in Upper Musquodoboit. Annand built a large beautiful home here and Joseph Howe lived there for a period of two years. Howe was very much liked by the people and one of the settlers went all the way to Halifax to vote for him. The Annand house later became known as the Joe Howe house. No tangible evidence of this historic mansion can be found today. It is said that every room in the house had a beautiful mantel and doubtless a fireplace with it.

The Musquodoboits gave Joe Howe a reception the like of which has not been seen before or since his victory; twenty miles from Upper Musquodoboit, he was met by a delegation and this was added to as he came along the way. He was seated in a wagon, decorated with beautiful flowers, drawn by six horses. He lived in Upper for a period of two years or more.

Community histories available

Copies of individual community histories, as well as a complete collection, are available at the Musquodoboit Valley Visitor Information Centre (VIC), Middle Musquodoboit. Individual community histories vary in price but, for only \$50 you may order the complete collection.

Please drop by the VIC or phone 384-2006 for more information or visit www.mvta.net for details on what's available at our Visitor Information Centre.

What's your story?

One of Musquodoboit Valley's landmarks is slated for demolition. Musquodoboit Rural High School (MRHS) has been a focal point in this community for more than half a century. Even though the building may no longer be part of the landscape in another year or so, memories of life at MRHS will always remain.

One way to ensure those school stories are carried forward is to send your contribution to The TownCryer. Perhaps you have a particular memory about being on one of the school's sports teams. Or, were you ever a member of the glee club? Did you ever participate in the music festivals that used to be held in the school gym? Were you one of the students who traveled to Expo '67? Maybe you have fond memories of some of the school dances. Were you at the dance April Wine played? Can you remember students being expelled because of the length of their hair?

If so, please, don't be shy. Share those memories with others. The Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association wishes to compile a collection of memories of school life at MRHS for the past 50 plus years. Please submit your contribution to: MVTA@ns.sympatico.ca. In the subject line, please indicate "TownCryer submission". In future issues of this publication, readers will be able to share their personal remembrances of school days gone by.

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