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“New” New Year’s Resolutions

At one time or another, most of us have made New Year resolutions. Some folks resolve to quit smoking, while others promise to lose weight and exercise more.

This year, please consider making some new resolutions. For instance, promise to shovel out your lane. Delivery trucks, like oil and propane, require enough room to safely back in to your property. While you’re at it, shovel a path to the oil barrel too. NS Power meter readers and HRM water utility representatives need to have access to your meters. Be sure to have a snow-free path for them.

And, if you live on a rural mail route, please remember to shovel enough space for the delivery vehicle to safely get in to and away from your mailbox. If you know of someone who is unable to ensure snow removal from his or her property, perhaps you could be a good neighbour and help that person out. Remember, it’s the little things in life that build strong communities.

Now what?

With the loss of 160 (or so) jobs at MacTara last month, Musquodoboiters will be challenged to support the local economy this year. Geographically, the Musquodoboit Valley is centrally located... an international airport, Halifax, Dartmouth, Truro, New Glasgow and the Eastern Shore are all roughly within 100 kilometers. Could this be the time for individuals to start small businesses? Would that enable our youth to stay and work in this area?

Care to express your opinion? Send along your ideas to The TownCryer by email: info@towncryernews.ca

Prediction for the New Year

By: Mary Boutilier

2008 is the year of change - leap year - the only year which contains 08.08.08. The number 8 (or 888) is a very spiritual number as it is a Christian symbol of Christ. It is also the astrological number for marriage, which means lots of weddings this year! It is, in Chinese culture, the text of the I Ching. So, get ready for new beginnings with marriages, births, finances, as well as luck! 2008 is your year; it’s up to you what you want to do with it!

Tarot Connections

By: Mary Boutilier

Thank you to the person who submitted the following question. I hope this helps.

This month’s question:

I have been told that my Archangel is Gabriel. I don’t know much about this angel. Could you please tell me more?

Answer:

Angels were created as messengers of God. The Scriptures reveal that God created nine orders of Angels: Seraphim, Cherub, Thrones, Dominations, Principalities, Power, Virtues, Archangels and Angels. The seven most familiar are Sarial, Uriel, Raguel, Gabriel, Michael and the fallen Lucifer. Your Archangel is indeed Gabriel. His name is said to mean Hero of God. He, besides Michael, is the only other one recorded in the Old Testament. Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her about conceiving Jesus. He also came to announce to Zechariahs of his son John the Baptist. He is also said to sit to the left of God.

The symbol most associated with Gabriel is that of the Lily (conception). One thing that a lot of people don’t know about him is that he is the one who spends the nine months while a child is in the womb instructing the little soul on its mission here on earth. After giving these instructions, he

then silences the child by pressing his finger over the lips of the child, thus producing the cleft below a persons nose!

If you wish to have a question answered, please email: tarotconnections@yahoo.ca

All the best in the coming new year!

Kelleher performs at Braeside

Early last month, Terry Kelleher entertained residents, staff, friends and family at Braeside Nursing Home, Middle Musquodoboit.

Kelleher, who was visiting from Orillia, Ontario, has had a life-long musical career, that includes: Taking Music to the Schools, appearing in numerous festivals in Atlantic Canada, having his own musical show and appearing as an extra on Street Legal.

After he completes an upcoming tour of western Canada and records a new CD, Kelleher looks forward to returning to this area to perform.

Look for Terry Kelleher: Modern Day Minstrel on Facebook www.facebook.com to learn more about this talented performer.

Upcoming events

- Jan 20 Gospel Concert @ Middleton United Church (2pm)
- Jan 26 Open Crib Tournament, Royal Cdn Legion, Upper Musq (1pm)
- Jan 26 Robert Burns Night @ Bicentennial Theatre (6:30pm)
- Feb 01 Merchandise Bingo @ Meagher's Grant Rec. Centre
- Feb 17 Gospel Concert @ Middleton United Church (2pm)

For details, go to www.mvta.net

MVTA 50/50 draw winners

The Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association held two 50/50 draws during the two-day Christmas Festival of Crafts. Saturday's winner was Freda Keddy (proceeds for MVTA) and Sunday's draw winner was Ellen Higgins (proceeds for Moose River Gold Mines Museum). Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets.

Community History

Following is an excerpt from the community history of Centre Musquodoboit, 1983

Centre Musquodoboit got its name from the post office in P.G. Archibald's store. This post office was called Brookside, but because there were other post offices by the same name in the province, and the mail was getting confused, the name was changed to Centre Musquodoboit.

In the late 1800s, this area was called Deacontown. It was part of an Archibald grant, a 2150-acre area granted to John, Matthew, and Robert Archibald on Jan. 20, 1780. John Archibald, from Truro, applied for the grant in November of 1864. A school, called Archibald School, was built there about 1869.

One of the first industries in Centre Musquodoboit was a Tannery and Harness shop operated by "Little Will" Archibald. When the tannery closed, the building was moved to the farm, owned by Seymour Stewart in 1882; the harness shop was moved to P.G. Archibald's land where P.G. Archibald carried on this trade until he opened his General Store. Later, he was joined by his son, Stanley, who operated the store until 1962. When the railroad was built in 1916, there was a railway siding in Centre Musquodoboit called Archibald Siding. This siding was used by P.G. Archibald for supplying goods to the store and by farmers shipping their produce. A fire swept through Centre Musquodoboit in 1918, on the south side of the river, burning over a great deal of woodland. The burned-over wood was cut and shipped as piling on the train.

Bit of a giggle

Two good ol' boys are sittin' in a bass boat suckin' down beer when all of a sudden James says, "I think I'm going to divorce my wife. She hasn't spoken to me in over six months." Earl sips his beer and calmly says, "You better think it over. Women like that are hard to find."

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Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.
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Life is not measured
by the number of breaths we take,
but by the moments
that take our breath away.

Ongoing events

3rd Sunday of each month

Gospel Concert

Middleton United Church, Middle Musq (2pm).

Mondays

Bingo

Bicentennial Theatre, Middle Musquodoboit

Starts at 7pm. Mini bingo starts at 6:30.

Tuesdays

Radio Bingo

Tune in to 99.5 FM radio at 7pm. Bingo ticket books can be purchased at Reid's and JJ's Restaurant.

Wednesdays

Open Crib Night

Royal Canadian Legion, Upper Musq (7:30pm)

Thursdays

Dart League

Royal Canadian Legion, Upper Musq (7:30pm)

New members always welcome. \$3/night.

Auction 45s Card Party

Gays River United Church Hall, Gays River (8pm)

4th Saturday of each month

Open Crib Tournament

Royal Canadian Legion, Upper Musq (1:30pm)

Where are they now?

Hey all! Just signed up for your bulletin. I got my first edition kindly forwarded by Bruce Fulton. Nice to note some names of local folk haven't changed much over the years.

Ellen McFetridge - not that same little red headed sweetie pie that used to snarl at me when Michael and I used to seclude ourselves upstairs and listen to 45's!!! Can you imagine... 45's... Today's generation probably thinks they are some form of weapon! Ellen, nice to see you are still in the old hometown.

Sibley - Now there is a surname I haven't heard for a long time - almost as rare as Inkpen!!!

Jim Reid - I think the last time we were in the area my bride and I and three relatives from Holland all enjoyed a meal at the Glenmore Road corner facility. Took a nostalgic drive up the road but, alas, our old "shack" is long gone.

It's great to be able to reconnect with some of the "old" folk. Most of the people, who were "old" folk when I lived

there, are probably long gone or residents in the nursing home.

All the best from the happily retired (two and a half years now) while my young bride continues to work, John Inkpen, South Brookfield (the other Brookfield!!)

Editor's note: Johnny: I don't think anyone, at any time, ever referred to me as "that little redheaded sweetie-pie", but ya got the snarl part right!! Lol

Thank you!

Thank you to Sheila Fisher for her generous donation to The TownCryer.

Quality Care

If you, or someone you know, are unable to live alone, consider this. Maintain independent living in your own suite, but be assured that a qualified caregiver is on hand to offer 24-hour care for seniors/palliative care. Heat, lights, meals, personal care, appointments, plus more, are all included. Phone: 568-2426 for more info.

A roar of thanks

The Musquodoboit Valley Lions Club members say thanks to everyone who contributed cash donations and groceries to the Giving Tree at the Festival of Trees. All proceeds from this event go to the Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

It pays to advertise!

The Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association will now promote community events on the marquis located at the exhibition grounds parking area. Please forward your information to info@mvta.net or phone: 384-2006.

Wanted

One of the TownCryer faithful readers wants to know if anyone has a copy of Stony Road, by Dolly Belmore that they'd be willing to give or sell. If you can help this person out, please contact the Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association by phone: 384-2006 or by email: info@mvta.net. Dolly Belmore is a popular author and historian who lives in Caribou Mines.

For more information about Belmore, go to www.mvta.net and take a look at our VIC (Visitor Information Center) page.