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MRHS hosts provincials: 2009

By: Dylan Matthias

In May 2009, Musquodoboit Rural High School, MRHS, will host its first provincial table tennis championship.

In previous years, the gym has been too small to hold the requisite number of tables for a tournament. Provincial requirements state: there must be between 10 and 12 tables. In anticipation of this event, MRHS has acquired six new tables of very high quality from a national tournament in Halifax.

Players will compete in under-19, under-16, and under-14 categories. MRHS has, historically, had an excellent team, and coach Joe Fisher expects them to qualify for the provincial tournament. The boys' team has won the provincial title the past five years, with teammates Steven Hines and Stephen Trenaman, Kyle Coles and Tyler Ashley. All those players, however, graduated this past June.

Fisher, currently, is focussing his attention on the junior players. Now that table tennis has been introduced in the elementary schools as part of their gym class, younger kids are getting interested. There are also several clubs in communities where anyone can come and play.

The junior girls' team is also beginning to gather momentum. They presented their 2008 regional banner to the community at Awards Night this past June and, are expected to continue on to bigger and better things. Traditionally, there hasn't been much interest in the sport from girls, but that is beginning to change.

Fisher, one of six community coaches (a group which includes two MRHS teachers) has extensive experience in table tennis. While you didn't see him personally in Beijing this August, you might see his handiwork. Having already worked as an Olympic umpire himself at the Olympics in 1992, he has now turned his attention to evaluating umpires for the Olympics. He's also overseeing the development of future MRHS players personally, as he is the principal at Dutch Settlement Elementary School.

Streach seeks re-election

Steve Streach recently announced that he will be seeking a third term as Halifax Regional Councillor for District 1, Eastern Shore-Musquodoboit Valley.

He was first elected in a by-election in 1999. Since, Councillor Streach maintained his seat in 2000 and 2004. He believes that his determination to maintaining the unique rural lifestyle for the residents of District 1 is essential while still keeping pace with the progress enjoyed by our urban citizens.

Councillor Streach has played a key role in such issues as the construction of two new fire stations, upgrades to equipment and facilities for several other departments, increased policing, the rural broadband project, significant investment in volunteer organizations throughout the district, continued support for community playgrounds, rinks and a wide variety of recreational facilities, strong support for the resource sector, preservation of heritage sites, infrastructure renewal and HRM's 25-year Regional Plan.

He has been a lifelong resident of the Musquodoboit Valley where he now lives with his wife, Marilyn. They have five sons and one granddaughter.

Upgrades to Sibley Road

A stretch of road between the corners of Highway 224 and Sibley Road to the HRM Waste Management site (locally referred to as 'the dump') is being upgraded. The Department of Transportation is doing ditching, gravelling and a dust layer application.

Yard Sale Sept. 6 & 7

It's the 50-Mile Route of Yard Sales Weekend. Vendors will be set up from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Rain or Shine! MVTA approved Yard Sale starting points are: Dean, Meagher's Grant and Dutch Settlement. Phone: 384-2006 or email: info@mvtanet.net. You can print out the on-line brochure listing local vendors at www.mvtanet.net.

Water systems update

By: Steve Streach

As a result of the water system contamination and subsequent deaths in Walkerton, Ontario, in 2002 the Province of Nova Scotia introduced the Surface Water Treatment Standard, which required water treatment facilities in the province to achieve a new standard of treatment. In the late-eighties, when the existing facility at Middle Musquodoboit was built, it was designed with appropriate technology at the time.

Although the existing facility generally operates trouble free and produces good quality water, it does not meet the new requirements outlined by the treatment standard.

To meet the requirements of the standard, the existing treatment facility needs to be replaced. The new facility will use membrane water treatment technology, which provides an absolute physical barrier to pathogens in the water. Water will then be disinfected using a combination of ultraviolet light followed by liquid chlorine (also known as bleach or sodium hypochlorite). The proposed work at the site will include an addition to the existing building to house the new treatment equipment. Once the new facility is online, the existing equipment will be shut down and removed. Membranes are modular in nature and the designers have provided space in the design that will allow expansion of the facility if demand warrants it. The current system serves approximately 90 customers. This project will have a positive impact on Middle Musquodoboit because the residents will receive a reliable supply of high quality safe drinking water for years to come.

At a cost of nearly \$2 million the project will be funded equally by the three levels of government, each contributing approximately \$650,000. Without this funding partnership the cost of these upgrades would have been a burden too heavy for local residents to bear. I personally want to thank the provincial and federal governments for helping HRM and our community.

A Good Samaritan

The Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association and the Musquodoboit Valley Weeders Garden Club would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the good deeds performed by Cor Levering, of South Section.

Twice in the month of August, Cor took time to clear Cornerstone Park, Middle Musquodoboit, of weeds and debris. We certainly appreciate your generosity. Thank you!

AD FEATURE



Even though Sept. 9 is the deadline for official nomination, District 1 Councillor Steve Streach has already announced his intention to run in the Oct. 18 municipal election.

A voice you can trust

I want to tell you that it has truly been a privilege and an honour to serve as your Councillor and representative at Halifax City Hall for the past nine years. Today, I want to ask for your support in re-electing me for a third term as your champion on Halifax Regional Council.

With a strong voice, I have spoken on issues that concern us all. I have been successful in obtaining funding for projects that are important and needed in our communities. And, I have represented you with pride, both locally and abroad.

As a father of five, a small business owner and life-long resident of the Musquodoboit Valley, I know the issues: I know the people and I recognize the importance of maintaining our rural way of life. We must all work hard to better our local economy and continue to grow and prosper with the rest of the municipality.

As we move into the future, you need a representative that knows how government works; someone who is prepared for the challenges ahead and has the respect of other levels of government and that of both business and community colleagues. I am that person and I am your candidate. On Oct. 18, I ask for your support. For assistance or election information please contact me at 384-2109. Steve Streach.

TownCryer donations

The TownCryer is grateful for the generous contribution to The TownCryer received at the Visitor Information Centre from an anonymous donor. The TownCryer is free. However, if you wish to make a donation to help offset printing costs, your contribution will be gratefully accepted.

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Tae-kwon-do classes offered

Are you interested in the Martial Arts? With the price of gas, consider staying local and gaining all the benefits of any Martial Arts Club anywhere.

At the Upper Musquodoboit Community Hall registered Tae-kwon-do Classes will be held two days per week from September to June.

Students are recognized members of the World Tae-kwon-do Federation and earn all their belt levels! The present class has already earned Green Belt status. A Beginner Class will start in the fall.

We encourage all community members to support this great opportunity in our Musquodoboit Valley.

For more info, please contact Mark or Nadine Henley at 568-2319.

Improv classes resume

Instructor, Sharon MacLeod ensures a fun evening for everyone who signs up for this fall's Improv (short for improvisation) Classes. Free registration!

This class meets every Thursday evening from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Bicentennial Theatre, Middle Musquodoboit. Phone: 384-2413 for more info.

Stoked wins again!

Musquodoboit Valley band, Stoked, earned third place in a talent show held Aug. 23 at the Provincial Exhibition in Truro. Congratulations guys!

Book signing

Renowned author G. Theda Taylor will be in Upper Musquodoboit on Sept 6 and 7 to do book signings.

She has touched many lives with her inspirational and healing book: *A Daughter's Diary*.

Meet her in person by dropping by: 8412 Upper Musquodoboit. For more information, please phone: 568-2426.

Wedding anniversary

Roy and Reta Hartlin, of Middle Musquodoboit, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 13, with an open house from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wittenburg Baptist Church, on J. Ramsey Road, Wittenburg. Best wishes only.

Auction and sale a success

Submitted by: Board of Stewards

Middleton United Church, Middle Musquodoboit held a yard sale on Aug. 2 and a yard sale and auction on Aug. 9.

We wish to thank all those persons who donated so many items for the auction and yard sales. A debt of gratitude is owed to all the volunteer workers who so willingly gave of their time and hard work. Special thanks to auctioneer Thom Dillman and team, Anne and Keigan Dillman and Anthony. In addition to their expertise, they made it a fun event. Over \$3,000 was raised to keep the Church in our community.

We look forward to seeing you at the 50-mile-yard sale when we will have some tables on the Church lawn.



Theatre wants your input

The Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre is currently seeking feedback on what types of music/drama productions you would like to see at the Bicentennial Theatre in 2009. If there is a band or performer that you think would be a good fit for our area, please contact the Bicentennial Theatre at 384-2819, or e-mail bicentennial.theatre@ns.sympatico.ca

National Steel Blues tour

Attention music lovers! You won't want to miss this concert.

On Sept 18, at 8 p.m., the Bicentennial Theatre, Middle Musquodoboit, presents Doc MacLean and Michael Pickett as they take the stage. For more information, please phone: 384-2819 or email bicentennial.theatre@ns.sympatico.ca Tickets \$15.

Fiddlin' contest

If you enjoy hearing some of the finest down-home east coast fiddle music of all time, be sure to attend the 13th Annual Kirk Logan Old Time Fiddling Contest at the Bicentennial Theatre, Middle Musquodoboit on Sept. 27. For more information, please contact: 384-2819.

Grand opening – grand time

Submitted by: Deirdre Dwyer,

The Grand Opening of the Musquodoboit Harbour Farmers' Market took place on Sunday, August 10, on the grounds of the Musquodoboit Harbour Railway Museum (7895 Hwy. 7)

Colin Cameron started the festivities with lively fiddle tunes. Leslie Hauck of the Spinner's Loft spun and had visitors try their hand at carding. Dave Shuman, of Wood' N' Duck, with his granddaughter Samantha, demonstrated his bird carving skills, while Loretta Halleran entertained kids of all ages by painting ladybugs, orange lilies, and lots of other lovely designs on faces and shoulders.

Steve Streach, HRM Councillor, Bill Dooks, MLA and Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage and Peter Stoffer, MP for Sackville-Eastern Shore, made a few remarks at 10 a.m.

Later, The Thistle Scottish Country Dancers performed a number of dances. The dancers looked spectacular in their white outfits and tartans. They closed by inviting members of the audience to dance the last dance. Ron Noiles & friends then played traditional songs and even included a Don Messer classic.



Events Coordinator, Deirdre Dwyer was honoured to receive a document from Peter Stoffer MP congratulating the Musquodoboit Harbour Farmers' Market on the occasion of its Grand Opening.

**(l-r) District 1 Councillor Steve Streach, Events Coordinator Deirdre Dwyer and MLA Bill Dooks.
Photo by: Petra Rose**

**The Thistle Scottish Country Dancers perform at the grand opening of the Musquodoboit Harbour Farmers' Market
Photo by: Petra Rose**



Nik Hamm and Gregory Hughes, also known as Green Eggs and Hamm, rounded out the musical events by playing percussion and acoustic guitar.

Meanwhile, visitors enjoyed The Tourist Trap's cinnamon buns & coffee, the breads and pastries on offer from Boulangerie La Vendee in Mahone Bay, flowers and other plants from D & L Nurseries, ironwork by Doug Stoddart, organic dog treats from Katie's Farm, and produce and crafts from a number of local vendors. It is recommended that shoppers come to the market early to get the best selection of goods. The produce, pastries, and organic breads don't stay on the tables very long.

The Musquodoboit Harbour Farmers' Market is still looking for volunteers to help us set up tents and tables and do other tasks as well. This event will be held every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. until Oct. 12. If you would like more information about the Musquodoboit Harbour Farmers' Market and volunteering, please contact Dee Dwyer: 220-9114 or email mhfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

MVABA meeting scheduled

The Musquodoboit Valley and Area Business Association will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Sept 16 at 7 p.m. at the Employment Development Office, Middle Musquodoboit. There will be a guest speaker. All business owners or potential business owners are invited. Call 384-2390 for details.

Princess crowned at Exhibition

Volunteers for the Halifax County Exhibition committee thank all those who participated in displays, demonstrations and contests at this year's Exhibition.

Also, congratulations are extended to Allyson Cole, of Middle Musquodoboit, who represented Granview Farms and proudly wears the Princess Crown this year.

Congratulations also go out to all "Little Miss" participants.



Join 4-H!

If you are between the ages of 9 and 21, consider joining the Riverside 4-H Club. As a club member, you will learn new skills and enjoy taking part in community activities, sports and games, picnics and campouts, tours and exchanges. Registration is Oct. 6 at the Forestry Education Centre, Middle Musquodoboit at 7 p.m. Call 384-2517 or visit www.riverside4h.karsibgraphics.com for more about our Club.

Parkinson Society SuperWalk

Submitted by: David Castle

On September 13, in New Glasgow, I will be joining more than 12,000 walkers and volunteers from across Canada who will be taking part in the annual SuperWalk in support of Parkinson Society Canada's national fundraising event. The event raises money to fund research into a cure and to help ease the burden for over 100,000 Canadians living with Parkinson's, and their 400,000 family members, friends and caregivers.

I would like to ask for your support. Please let me know if you can help me to contribute to the national goal of \$2.5 million and my personal goal of \$500. Every dollar makes a difference - no donation is too small. Thank you. For more information, or to make a donation, please phone: 384-3301 or email: castle.gardens@ns.sympatico.ca

Placemats popular

Earlier this year, the Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association (MVTA), arranged for the design and printing of 6,000 placemats to be used in three local Valley restaurants.

At this time, sincere thanks are extended to the following businesses for their participation:

Bruce Fulton's Bed and Breakfast
Passport Travel Plus
Steve Streach, Councillor for District 1
Brooke Taylor, MLA
Bill Casey, MP
Nel's Cuts and Curls
Musquodoboit Valley Lions Club
Never Blink Twice Outdoor Paintball
SunLife Financial
KimNat Print
Reid's Restaurant and Bakery
J & J's Country Grill and Greco Xpress
River Oaks Golf Club

Get your cranberries

It's not too late! There's still time to enjoy the taste of fresh-picked Sunberry Cranberries.



To place your order, please contact MVTA, Tel: 384-2006 or email: info@mvta.net

Open Farm Day: Sept. 21

Local participants:

Glenmore Industries Ltd.
1224 Glenmore Road
Fox Hollow Goat Farm
6875 Hwy. 357



Sept. 21 is a special day! Farmers throughout Nova Scotia open their gates and invite the public to experience a day in the life on a farm. We have a huge variety of farms available for visits – from alpacas to apple orchards, blueberries to beef farms, you will find something to interest everyone in our roster of 50 farms across the province.

If you visit one of the participating farms, take time to join in demonstrations and tours and appreciate the innovations our farms are implementing to make farming more sustainable and prosperous in the province.

To plan a day with your family, pick out a few farms you would like to visit from the listing on our website: www.gov.ns.ca/agri/agaware or from the maps available at Sobeys, Foodland and PriceChopper stores after Sept 12.

Open Farm Day is your opportunity to become more aware of the fresh and healthy farm products that are grown right here, and to celebrate Nova Scotia agriculture during the 7th Annual Open Farm Day. Hope to see you at the farm! For more information contact:

Nova Scotia Agricultural Awareness Coordinator
Ph: 902-893-6598 or email: grantjd@gov.ns.ca

Back to school

Motorists are reminded to keep an eye open for excited students as they head back to their classrooms this month.

Children need to remember to always walk facing the traffic, to stop, look and listen before crossing the road and to stay well out of the way of passing traffic.

Good drivers know the maximum speed in a school zone is 50 km. That's the same maximum speed limit throughout the villages of Upper Musquodoboit, Middle Musquodoboit, Elderbank and Dutch Settlement.

See you in church

Sharon Presbyterian Church, Dean - Service at 11:45 a.m.
St. James United, Upper Musq - Service begins at 10:15 a.m. each Sunday.
Services for Sept. 7 and Sept. 14 will be combined services with Riverside and Middleton Churches at 10am. Sept 7 in Riverside and Sept 14 in Middleton.
Holy Cross Catholic Church, Elmsvale - Service is Saturday at 4pm. beginning Sept. 6.
Wittenburg Baptist Church, Wittenburg - Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.
Sept. 7 & 28: St. Andrew's United, Elderbank - 10 a.m.
Sept. 21: St. James United, Meagher's Grant - 10 a.m.
Sept. 14: St. Paul's United Church, Antrim - 10 a.m.

Fun for everyone!

Participants and leaders enjoyed this summer's Vacation Bible Study at the Middleton United Church, Middle Musquodoboit. The theme was Beach Party and everyone enjoyed investigating the beaches of the world on the Yellow Submarine built by Arleigh Cornelius.

Carrolls Corner Community Centre News

Submitted by: Jackie George, Chair

- Sept. 6-7: 50 mile yard sale tables: \$5. A canteen will be open and serving hot dogs, burgers, sausages etc. To book your table phone: 758-2680
- Sept. 10: Yoga begins again! For info: Kelly 758-1033
- Sept. 11: Games Night, Meet & Greet, and Membership Registration! Time: 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Activities are directed to youth in Grades 7-12
- Sept. 12: Teen Games Night begins a new year. Every Fri. night - 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- Sept. 13: Pre-teen Karaoke Dance for youth in Grades 2 to 6. Adm: \$3. 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. A dance will take place every month on the first Saturday of every month... pending availability. For more info, call 758-2680. Canteen available!
- Sept. 16: Registration for Majorettes-Baton Twirling for ages 7 to 13 yrs. Beginning at: 6 p. m. For more info, call Heavenly at 384-3253
- Sept.18: Hip Hop dance! To register, call Nora at 384-3008. Intended for ages 3-5

Beginner's Computer Courses - call Marilyn at 883-7863. Only six positions available per course.

Our BMX Bike Park is now open. Come and enjoy... helmets are mandatory.

We need chaperones. Phone 758-2680 if you are willing to help! Thanks!

Upcoming events

- Sept 6-7: 50 Mile Yard Sale - Musquodoboit Valley, Contact MVTA: 384-2006.
- Sept 18: Bicentennial Theatre, 8pm, National Steel Blues Tour, featuring Doc MacLean & Michael Pickett. Tickets \$15.
- Sept 20: Healthy Connections Wellness Show - at the Natural Resources Education Centre, 12014 Hwy 224, Middle Musquodoboit from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Admission \$2. Contact Sharon: (902) 384-2948 or Email healthlinks@xplornet.com
- Sept 20: Turkey Supper - St. Andrew's Church, Elderbank (4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.). Contact Michelle Flemming, Tel: 384-3041.
- Sept 27: Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper - Sharon Presbyterian Church, Dean. (4 p.m. to 6 p.m.). Contact: Wanda Smith, Tel: 568-2578.
- Sept 27: Kirk Logan Fiddling Contest - Bicentennial Theatre & Cultural Centre, Middle Musquodoboit, 10am-10pm, Contact Martha Higgins: 384-2216.
- Sept 27: Dance (ages 19+) in Meagher's Grant 9p.m.-1a.m. Fundraiser for the Musquodoboit Valley Education Center Home & School Committee. Music is by DJ: Craig Cole. Tickets are \$7.00 per person. For info, call Jocelyn Parker, Home & School Chairperson 384-3071.

Mobile public library

Information provided by Mobile Public Library brochure

Sat. Sept. 13:

- 10:45-12:00 Middle Musq, Haverstock's Pharmacy
1:30-3:30 Middle Musq, Haverstock's Pharmacy

Thurs. Sept. 4 and 18:

- 10:45-12:30 Middle Musq, Valley View Villa
2:00-3:30 Middle Musq, Haverstock's Pharmacy
4:50-7:30 Middle Musq, Haverstock's Pharmacy

Thurs. Sept. 11:

- 11:00-12:15 Dean, Sharon Presbyterian Church
2:45-4:00 Upper Musq, Fire Hall
5:30-7:15 Upper Musq, Fire Hall

Contact: 1-800-565-4414 to request materials.

Community history

This month, The TownCryer is featuring the community history of Cook's Brook. The complete collection of community histories is available at the Visitor Information Centre, Middle Musquodoboit.

In early days, the settlers of Cook's Brook, as in surrounding areas, traveled by foot or went on horseback to the nearest stores at Halifax or Truro for supplies which they could not make or produce themselves. Butter, eggs, wool, meat, wood and soap were available at home. But, essentials such as flour, tea, sugar, molasses, nails, cotton, ammunition, cooking utensils, etc. had to be bought and taken home by sleigh or on horseback.

In later years, there were two stores in Cook's Brook. One was owned by George Newman and was situated at the mouth of the Newman Road, leading to Lake Egmont. The second store was owned by James McGeorge and was situated behind the present store (in 1982). It was later taken over by his son, William, who ran it until he had a new house with an adjoining store built in the early 1900s in front of the old building. The carpenter was John Cleary from Lake Egmont. William lived alone here and operated a general store for many years, using the older store as a storage place for kerosene oil, etc.

In December, 1941, Ian and Bertha MacDonald moved in the McGeorge house. And, in 1942, they began running the store as a branch of the Musquodoboit store. It went out of business as a Co-Op store on Nov. 19, 1947.

From then on, it was operated by Ian MacDonald himself who had a storage shed added to the end of the store and gas tanks put in front of it. Eventually, the store was sold to Vincent and Jennie Dillman who took over in 1976. The house and store were then remodeled, pavement put around the yard, gas tanks replaced with more modern ones, and a public washroom installed.

The establishment was bought and taken over by Ronald and Betty Carrol in May, 1981...

A small newspaper called the Cook's Brook Gazette was prepared by the Young People's Society on the happenings in the community the winter of 1942. The material was edited by Ruth (Isenor) MacDonald and typed by Rev. D.I. MacIntosh, and a copy sent to each of the Cook's Brook boys overseas. A copy of this is still in existence today.

Book of the month

Yet at a Distance - Father Poems from the Maritimes: an anthology is available at the Visitor Information Centre, Middle Musquodoboit.

Gary Burrill is the author of *Away: Maritimers in Massachusetts, Ontario and Alberta*, and a former editor of New Maritimes magazine. He has lectured in Atlantic Canada Studies at St. Mary's University and is a minister of the United Church of Canada in Upper Musquodoboit, N.S.

Yet at a Distance is a collection of poems about fathers by Maritime writers. In the work of poets from the generations of Charles Bruce and Kenneth Leslie, of Milton Acorn and Alden Nowlan, to such present-day voices as those of Richard Lemm, Eric Tretheway and Harry Thurston, the subject of fathers is registered here in the wide range of its resonances: a place or meaning's map where a multitude of roads may meet.

Celebration of fall

The Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association (MVTA), organizer of the 16th Annual Rally in the Musquodoboit Valley – King of the Garden wants your participation in this year's event.

This fall celebration is scheduled for Oct. 5 at the Exhibition Grounds, Middle Musquodoboit. This is YOUR chance for YOU, YOUR GROUP or BUSINESS to make a little money, have a lot of fun and show your support your community. Enter your pumpkins and sunflowers in the King of the Garden and you may be a winner! Phone: 384-2006 to learn more about how you can be part of this year's Rally!

On sale now!

The Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association (MVTA) is selling tickets on a lotto tree that is decorated with \$200 worth of a variety of scratch lottery tickets. Tickets sell for \$2 each or 3 for \$5, available at the VIC in Middle Musquodoboit and during the 50-Mile Route of Yard Sales and Rally in the Musquodoboit Valley. Draw date Dec. 7 during the Festival of Trees. The winning ticket holder wins ALL lottery tickets on the tree. For info, call 384-2006.



Agri-Food Award of Excellence: 2008

Do you know of an innovative entrepreneur in the agri-food industry? Or a young person who is a leader in the field of agriculture? Why not consider nominating them for the 2008 Canadian Agri-Food Awards of Excellence?

These awards – a joint partnership between Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair – celebrate outstanding achievement in the agriculture, agri-food sector and rural communities in Canada. In particular, six categories are recognized:

- ◆ Youth leadership
- ◆ Environmental stewardship in rural Canada
- ◆ Awareness and education
- ◆ Innovation
- ◆ Agri-food export
- ◆ Voluntarism in the agri-food sector or rural communities.

Eligibility:

- ◆ Open to all residents of Canada up to 25 years old. Youth group leaders are exempted from the age restriction.
- ◆ Open to any Canadian-based group or organization.
- ◆ The project or activity has been initiated within the last three years.

Winners will be recognized at a luncheon at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto in November. Nominations close September 15, 2008.

Complete eligibility and criteria requirement can be found on the website at www.agr.gc.ca/awards or by calling 1-800-410-7104.

Lions say "Thanks!"

The Musquodoboit Valley Lions Club would like to extend a huge thank you to all those who dropped by our booth at the recent Halifax County Exhibition.

We also want to thank those volunteers who worked alongside the Lions at this year's Exhibition.

Just a reminder!

The Musquodoboit Valley Lions Club will resume their regular monthly meetings in September on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m.

The meeting on the fourth Wednesday is a supper meeting.

Contact Lion Boyde Stewart (394-3003) for details or visit www.musquodoboitvalleylions.com

And the winners are...

Volunteers and staff extend a sincere thank you to everyone who purchased 50-50 tickets at the Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association's information booth during the Halifax County Exhibition.

The lucky winners from each day are: Wednesday - Ken MacKenzie; Thursday - Helen Higgins; Friday - Boyd Higgins and Saturday - Charlie Power.

Congratulations to all the lucky winners!

Bit of a giggle

With all the new technology regarding fertility recently, a 65-year-old friend of mine was able to give birth. When she was discharged from the hospital and went home, I went to visit.

"May I see the new baby?" I asked.

"Not yet," she said, "I'll make coffee and we can visit for a while first."

Thirty minutes had passed, and I asked, "May I see the new baby now?"

"No, not yet," she said.

After another few minutes had elapsed, I asked again, "May I see the baby now?"

"No, not yet," replied my friend.

Growing very impatient, I asked, "Well, when can I see the baby?"

"When he cries!" she told me.

"When he cries?" I demanded. "Why do I have to wait until he cries?"

"Because I forgot where I put him! Okay?!"

Q: A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in three years. Which room is safest for him?

A: The third room. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead. That one was easy, right?

Q: What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and gray when you throw it away?

A: Charcoal, as it is used in barbecuing.

Ya know yer a redneck when...

the Hallowe'en pumpkin on the front porch
has more teeth than you do!