

TownCryer

all the news of the Musquodoboit Valley

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Meet the Taylors

Mark, Debbie, Shanda and Austin Taylor are a BCM Missionary Family appointed to Mount Traber Bible Camp. They left Middle Musquodoboit during the summer of 2006 and took their family to Ontario where they were trained in many areas of children's camping ministry.



Mark was raised in Musquodoboit Valley, working most of his life with his family business, Taylor Lumber. He has been involved with Mount Traber most of his life as a camper, as the Program Director, a member of the Christian Service Brigades and serving on the board. After three years of missionary training, Mark has been appointed Mount Traber's Camp Interim Director.

Mark's wife Debbie, has also been involved with Mount Traber most of her life as a camper and Camp Counselor. After three years as a BCM Missionary, Debbie will also be working full time alongside Mark at the camp.

Their daughter Shanda attends Colchester Christian Academy in Truro and was on staff at Mount Traber last summer and loves being at the barn with the horses.

Their son, Austin, loves being at the camp wherever there is a motor running and loved Wilderness Camp. Mount Traber Bible Camp runs many different camps such as: Western, Soccer, Boys' Wilderness, and Scrapbooking.

Camp brochures will be available by March Break on line or they can be sent out by mail. Mount Traber also accommodates rental groups and other activities all year round.

Please visit www.mountraber.org for more information on facility rental, or call or email for a booking, or to drop in for a visit. Contact information: Email office@mountraber.org, Phone: 384-2238, Fax: 384-2539.

Join the team

Because weather patterns are getting more erratic, many people are caught off-guard. Recently, hundreds of motorists were trapped in their vehicles while driving through Cobequid Pass. In other parts of the province, heavy snow and ice have resulted in extended power outages. Last summer, forest fires ravaged family homes along the Eastern Shore.

Although it may be tempting to blame others, like the government, the RCMP or EMO, these questions have to be asked: Why weren't these victims of crisis prepared? Why didn't they have a kit of food, water, blankets, shovels, etc. in their cars and homes?

Unlike the Colchester Region where drivers spent more than 12 hours in a wintry storm, without aid, the Musquodoboit Valley has a Joint Emergency Management (JEM) Team. But, it's seeking volunteers, who are prepared to respond during a time of disaster.

This group needs your help and feedback. JEM team members need people from each of the communities in the immediate area who are not already firefighters, police or paramedics. Emergency responders will be out working during times of crisis.

Volunteers are urgently needed now, to put together resources: food, shelter, medical supplies, to be able to work at designated comfort centres, communicate and distribute the aforementioned. Volunteers are also needed to report downed power lines, washed-out bridges and other emergencies in our area. You don't need a bachelor degree folks, just a heart!

If you're interested in learning more about the 72-hours Preparedness Program, the planning and/or the reporting please, call 384-2085, or email: mccurdkl@hotmail.com or mccurdkl@gov.ns.ca. Anyone willing to assist with the JEM Team is encouraged to drop by the Middle Musquodoboit Volunteer Fire Department on the last Monday night of each month at 7 p.m. We look forward to your participation.

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Making the season brighter

Submitted by: Pat Greenfield (MVFB)

The Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank thanks, most sincerely, all those who so generously donated groceries and/or financially. Also, thank you for the beautiful knitted goodies and toys etc. And, let's not forget the loan of a Christmas tree. All of these thoughtful contributions made this a great Christmas for others.

Also, a big thank you to all the volunteers who gave of their time to pack the special Christmas (turkey dinner) boxes. And, thanks to those who stepped in when needed, to make the occasional delivery.

Thank you one and all.

Notes from Carrolls Corner

Congratulations to Karen Erskine from Carrolls Corner, who won a \$100 gas voucher. Our youth group sold tickets on it to raise funds to go to Moosehead hockey games this winter. Thanks to all who supported their cause.

A heartfelt goodbye to our former treasurer, Gina Winfield, and a big welcome to Tammie Isenor, our new acting treasurer. We are so glad to have you on our executive board, Tammie!

There's a fashion show scheduled for March. Any persons interested in participating, in any aspect, please call Jackie at 758-2680.

Anyone interested in taking a class in non-violent intervention, please call 758-2680.

Participation encouraged

The annual general meetings for Middleton and Riverside United Churches will be held Feb. 22, beginning at 1:30 p.m. for Riverside and 2 p.m. for Middleton at Middleton United Church, Middle Musquodoboit. The two groups will then meet together followed by a potluck supper. We encourage all persons interested in the futures of these two churches to attend these meetings. Further information is available by phoning the church office at 384-2520.

Why wait for spring?

Last month, The TownCryer readership was asked to consider organizing a spring road-side cleanup. A few suggestions sent to info@towncryernews.ca include: organize a cleanup day on or near Earth Day in April; set a specific time i.e. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; have barbecues at several community centres throughout the Valley to feed volunteer workers.

These are all great ideas! What can you or your groups contribute to make this community effort a success?

The time is now to make plans for an April cleanup. Together, we can ensure visitors to our Valley will notice the pride we have in our community.

There's a party

Friends and family of Margaret Streach invite you to attend a 90th birthday party in her honour at the home of Alan and Cathy Streach, 6658 Old Guysborough Rd. on Feb. 28 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Best wishes only!

Happy Birthday

Jane Parker is turning 75 years young and we're having a SURPRISE birthday party. Please join us on Feb. 21 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall, Upper Musquodoboit (Storm date Feb. 22).

100 Club Lottery

The Musquodoboit Valley Lions Club now has lottery tickets available for the Spring 2009 100 Club Lottery. There will be three draws for ten consecutive weeks for \$25, \$15, and \$10, beginning on April 15. A final draw for the **\$500 Grand Prize** will be held on June 17. There will be a total of 31 draws and each of the 100 tickets sold will be entered for ALL draws. Tickets are available from members of the Lions Club at \$20 each. Net proceeds will be used for a variety of community service projects carried out by the Lions Club.

These troubled times

Submitted by: Pat Greenfield

If there is any person, or if you know of someone, experiencing economic difficulties, either short or long term, please do not hesitate to contact any of the following people at your local Food Bank and we will help you out as much as we can. We will make your visits as pleasant as possible and of course, all clients are covered by full confidentiality. Pat Greenfield - 384-3009; Shirley Hunt - 384-2597; Sandi MacLachlan - 384-2592.

TownCryer donations

A sincere thank you is extended to the following people for their generous cash donations, which help make it possible to continue publication and distribution of The TownCryer: Crystal Deale (on behalf of the Musquodoboit Valley Soccer Club), Shawn Graham, Barb Bell and Sandra MacLachlan, and Ken and Donna Streach.

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Have you reached 'the' birthday? The Red Hat Society might be just the ticket for fun and companionship. The Society bills itself as an international *disorganization* of women, all over 50, who live with gusto and wear - what else?- bright red hats.

The Society is unique for offering a club whose activities are entirely dependent on the whims of the members. No causes are professed and no fund-raising is needed to sustain the grassroots spread of chapters. All that devoted Red Hatters seek is the chance to dress up, kick up their heels, and be more visible in an era that idealizes youth.

Ladies seeking the Four "F"s - Fun, Friendship, Freedom, and Fulfillment - are invited to an information meeting about the possible formation of a local chapter of the Red Hat Society. Meeting details: Saturday, February 21 beginning at 10 a.m., at Middleton United Church, Middle Musquodoboit. To learn more about the Red Hatters, visit www.redhatsociety.com or call Vanna Redden at 384-3330.

You're invited

The Musquodoboit Valley Job Search Centre, 10 Elm Drive, Middle Musquodoboit, invites you to stop in and see the new computer lab and meet the newest staff member. Remember to ask about upcoming training opportunities.



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Casey not re-offering

OTTAWA Independent Member of Parliament Bill Casey has confirmed he will not be a candidate in the next federal election. After seven elections, Casey says it is time to explore new directions. Casey wanted to make his decision clear considering the budget coming later this month could possibly trigger an election.

The MP was first elected 20 years ago and has run as a Progressive Conservative, a Conservative, and as an Independent candidate. He has served under eight leaders and five Prime Ministers, and has served in several portfolios while in opposition.

"I was very fortunate over this 20 year period to have so many people help me through the challenges and I am grateful to every single one of them," says the MP.

He thanked the voters of Cumberland Colchester Musquodoboit Valley for their continuing support over this 20 year period and for allowing him to represent their interests in Ottawa. "Being an MP is the most interesting and satisfying career anyone could have and I encourage potential candidates to put their names forward," Casey says.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Impressive!

To the Editor:

Wow! Your new full colour TownCryer News online (and in print) is really impressive! It's a good boost for the Musquodoboit Valley and all of east-central Nova Scotia. There's never been any public communications vehicle this good in this part of Nova Scotia before... and available world wide! Just imagine the possibilities! Orv Pulsifer

Keep up the good work

To the Editor:

Thanks for the great initiative you have taken with the TownCryer. We very much appreciate the paper in our household and a donation is being sent along to help out.

Barb Bell & Sandi MacLachlan

Do you know?

To the Editor:

Hello! I'm wondering if there are any seniors' clubs in Elderbank area. I have family members who would like to get out and socialize a bit. Thanks, Paul Aalders.

Editor's note

Try visiting www.musquodoboitvalley.karsibgraphics.com to find numerous opportunities to become involved in the community or if anyone out there has any suggestions, please forward them to: info@towncryernews.ca



If you have questions, comments, or suggestions about anything you see in The TownCryer, we want to hear from you! Log on to www.towncryernews.ca and send your letter to the editor.



Bit of a giggle

A curious fellow died one day and found himself waiting in the long line of judgment. As he stood there, he noticed that some souls were allowed to march right through the Pearly Gates into Heaven.

Others though, were led over to Satan who threw them into the burning pit. However, every so often, instead of hurling a poor soul into the fire, Satan would toss a soul off to one side into a small pile.

After watching Satan do this several times, the fellow's curiosity got the best of him. Therefore, he strolled over and asked Satan what he was doing. "Excuse me, Prince of Darkness," he said. "I am waiting in line for Judgment, but I couldn't help wondering. Why are you tossing those people aside instead of flinging them into the Fires of Hell with the others?"

"Oh those," Satan groaned. "They are all from Canada. They are still too cold and wet to burn."

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The Middle Musquodoboit Volunteer Fire Department would like to extend a special thanks to all of the patrons from the community and surrounding area who have supported us throughout the past year. We wouldn't be here without your help. Anyone wanting to contribute and join the Department, the door is always open. Stop in on Wednesday nights around 7 p.m. to get a tour of the fire hall, see what we do and if you're interested, you can apply! Thank you again.

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March Break Camp

Submitted by: Krista G. Hilchey

The Natural Resources Education Centre (NREC) is offering a March Break Camp. This year's theme is: Winter Wildlife. Get a secret glimpse into the subnivean world monitoring winter animals that live beneath the snow. Learn how to attract winter birds by making your own winter bird feeder. Experience hibernation by building your very own hibernation shelter.

March Break Camp will be held Mar. 18 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and Mar. 19 between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. (with a storm date of Mar. 20). These activities are directed towards children between the ages of 10 and 13 years.

To confirm your spot, bring \$40 (either cheque or cash) and register at the NREC from Monday to Friday between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. For details, contact: 384-3420 or nrec@gov.ns.ca

Activities for everyone

Why not check out the trails in the McCurdy woodlot (behind the Natural Resources Education Centre) this winter? Trails are open to the public weekdays and weekends. Bring your cross country skis or snowshoes!

Riverside 4-H

Thank you to everyone who supported the Riverside 4-H Club Farmers cheese sales in December. We are sure that you enjoyed this locally produced product and we look forward to contacting you again in the fall.



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Scrabble for Literacy

The Second Annual Scrabble for Literacy will be held at Middleton United Church on Mar. 21 (Storm date: Mar. 28), starting at 10 a.m. Entry fees are a free will offering.

All proceeds to go to our local branch of *Literacy Nova Scotia*. There will be snacks (potluck) and prizes. Bring a *Scrabble* game if you have one. Pre-registration is required.

Contact Silvana Redden at 384-3330 or e-mail silvana.white@ns.sympatico.ca to register or for more info.

New store hours

Musquodoboit Valley Co-op winter hours are now in effect. Mon - Wed: 8 a.m to 7 p.m., Thur & Fri: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sat: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sun: noon to 5 p.m.



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Muse of Fire, a captivating dramatic performance, will be presented on Feb 11 at 7:30 p.m. *Muse of Fire* is David Katz's extraordinary one-man play about the art of conducting. No other work of theatre so vividly conveys the power of great music to open hearts and touch the soul. It is an event at once gripping, humorous, and ultimately deeply moving. If you love classical music and have ever wondered how great conductors learn to make it come alive, don't miss David Katz in *Muse of Fire*. Tickets for this performance are \$10, students \$7. They are available now from the Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre: e-mail bicentennial.theatre@ns.sympatico.ca or call 384-2819.

On Feb. 21 the Spinney Brothers, a well-known bluegrass band, will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this incredible evening of bluegrass are \$15 advance, \$18 at the door.

Mobile public library

Information provided by Mobile Public Library brochure

Sat. Feb. 14 and 28

10:45 a.m. - 12 noon Middle Musq., Haverstock's Pharmacy
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Middle Musq., Haverstock's Pharmacy

Thur. Feb. 12 and 26

11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Upper Musq., school parking lot
2:10 - 4 p.m. Dean, Sharon Presbyterian Church
5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Upper Musq., Fire Hall

Thur. Feb. 5 and 19

10:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Middle Musq., MVEC parking lot
2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Middle Musq., Valley View Villa
4:50 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Middle Musq., Haverstock's Pharmacy

See you in church

Sharon Presbyterian Church, Dean: 11:45 a.m.
St. James United, Upper Musq.: 10:15 a.m.
Riverside United Church Service at 9 a.m. for the months of Dec, Jan, Feb, and March.
Holy Cross Catholic Church, Elmsvale - Service is Saturday at 4 p.m.
Middleton United Church, Middle Musquodoboit - Service begins at 11 a.m.
Wittenburg Baptist Church, Wittenburg - Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Worship begins at 11 a.m.
Feb. 1 St. James, Meagher's Grant; 10 a.m.
Feb. 8 St. Andrew's Elderbank: 10 a.m.
Feb. 15 St. Paul's Antrim: 10 a.m.
Feb. 22 St. James' Meagher's Grant: 10 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 2: Groundhog Day! Drop by the Shubenacadie Wildlife Park before sunrise to share Shubenacadie Sam's moment of glory and see what's in store for the remaining weeks of winter.

Feb. 10: The Middleton UCW will be hosting a soup luncheon at the Middleton United Church, Middle Musquodoboit from 11:30 a.m. to 1p.m. Adm: \$5.

Feb. 10: The annual general meeting of the Musquodoboit Valley Area Business Association will be held at the Employment Development Office, 10 Elm Drive, Middle Musquodoboit at 7 p.m.

Feb. 14: Valentine's Day Dance at the Bicentennial Theatre, Middle Musquodoboit, between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. Adm: \$9 ea. or \$16 per couple. Music by: Krazee Kraig. All proceeds will be donated to the Burn Treatment Society. Hosted by: the Middle Musquodoboit Volunteer Fire Dept. Door prizes and special draws for the ladies!

Feb.14: Valentine Dance at the Carrolls Corner Community Centre from 9 p.m.-1a.m. Lunch served and lots of prizes!

Feb. 15: Gospel Concert - 2 p.m. Middleton United Church, Middle Musquodoboit. Good will offering with light lunch being served. Contact Ross Dares 384-2039 for more info.

Feb. 24: Annual general meeting of the Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society will be held at the Forestry Education Complex, Middle Musquodoboit at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Feb. 24: Drop by the Holy Cross Catholic Church, Middle Musquodoboit, between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. and enjoy pancakes, sausages, baked beans, brown bread, desserts and beverages in celebration of Shrove Tuesday, otherwise known as Pancake Day.

Mar. 3: Arimathea Funeral Cooperative is holding its 15th Annual General Meeting on Mar. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral co-op building, Upper Musquodoboit. Guest speakers, Gary Burrill and Wanda Smith, will participate in a question and answer period. Refreshments will be provided following the meeting. Members and non-members are encouraged to attend.

Boy, things sure have changed since I was a kid!

Way to go, Bonnie!

Many thanks to Bonnie Chiasson, of Elderbank, for sending in the most creative entry to fill in the bubble!



A ghost too near

By: Lyle Bates

Last month, Lyle Bates introduced TownCryer readership to his assignment on Sable Island. After his watery arrival, our author had little time to get familiar with his new surroundings before he had to report for his first shift on radio watch.

As I made the trip to the radio staff house, to change into dry clothes and prepare for my first radio watch, I was hanging on for dear life as the loaded wagon, drawn by four half-wild sable ponies, began the one-mile run. I could only gaze around in wonderment. Always, in the background, could be heard the roar of the surf. Not a tree, bush or wooded plant could be seen. As far as the eye could see, stretched endless sand dunes covered with a tall grass billowing in the wind. Later, I found it was marram grass, the staple diet of the wild horses. Here and there, I spotted small herds of horses (between 12 and 14 hands high) of various colours: brown, black and even palominos. John, our teamster, assured us these were all wild herds.

As soon as someone arrives on Sable, ghost stories abound. Perhaps it is the spirits of hundreds of ship-wrecked and lost men, women and children whose bones lie buried beneath these treacherous shifting sands. I was told about one lady, often seen at night near our dwellings, who appeared to be still seeking her family lost long ago. Our radio station was open 24 hours, seven days a week or 24/7 as is the term used today. There were only three radio officers, myself included. We had little time to worry about loneliness and the isolation of our workplace. Our job was to handle all communications between the Island and the Nova Scotia mainland, with passing ships and occasionally aircraft: most all communication was by Morse code.

Prior to leaving for Sable, I had been given a three-week immersion course in meteorology. We were required to make hourly weather observations for transmission to shore and ships.

At 2 a.m., several days after landing, I was doing a midnight to 8 a.m. watch. It was time to record weather conditions. Dense fog prevailed that night so, the visibility entry was no problem: zero; cloud height (or ceiling) again was easy: zero. Our dry and wet bulb thermometers were located in an outdoor enclosure some four feet above ground with a vented door, which I opened, illuminating the bulbs with my flashlight. As I noted the readings, a soft touch was felt on my right shoulder and a warm breath on my neck. I froze. Could it be her? Gathering all the courage I didn't seem to have at that moment, I slowly turned and looked in to the face of Old Colonel, a retired Sable work-horse. Still shaking, I made my way back to the radio room. The weather broadcast was late that night! Next issue: Sand Storms and Shipwrecks.

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Combination underwear

The following is an excerpt from the Musquodoboit Valley Millennium Legacy Project.

Combination underwear: a story from Real Characters of the Musquodoboit Valley by Guy Fisk

There was a young Butcher boy who sent to Eatons for a pair of combination underwear. He ordered them with short sleeves and long legs.

When they arrived, he opened them and there they were with long sleeves and short legs. So, back they went and he repeated his order: short sleeves and long legs and nothing else.

In a few days, the parcel arrived and there was the underwear with short sleeves and short legs. Back they went and in uncertain terms he repeated his order: short sleeves and long legs.

His order came back and upon opening it, there was his underwear: long sleeves and long legs. This was just too much! Grabbing the underwear in one hand and the axe in the other he said, "By God, Mr. Eaton! I'll fix you damn good this time!"

Heading for the chopping block in the back yard, he laid one sleeve on the block and *whack!* Down came the axe and the sleeve dropped to the ground. Laying the other sleeve across the block, *whack!* Down came the axe and the other sleeve hit the dirt. Picking up the underwear, he discovered that he had cut off one sleeve and one leg!

Tarot Connections

Submitted by: Mary Boutilier

Medium, Mary Boutilier, of Upper Musquodoboit, invites readers to submit questions to: tarotconnections@yahoo.ca Confidentiality is assured.

Q: What is Hermetics?

A: Hermetics is the study as well as the science of astrology, alchemy and magic.

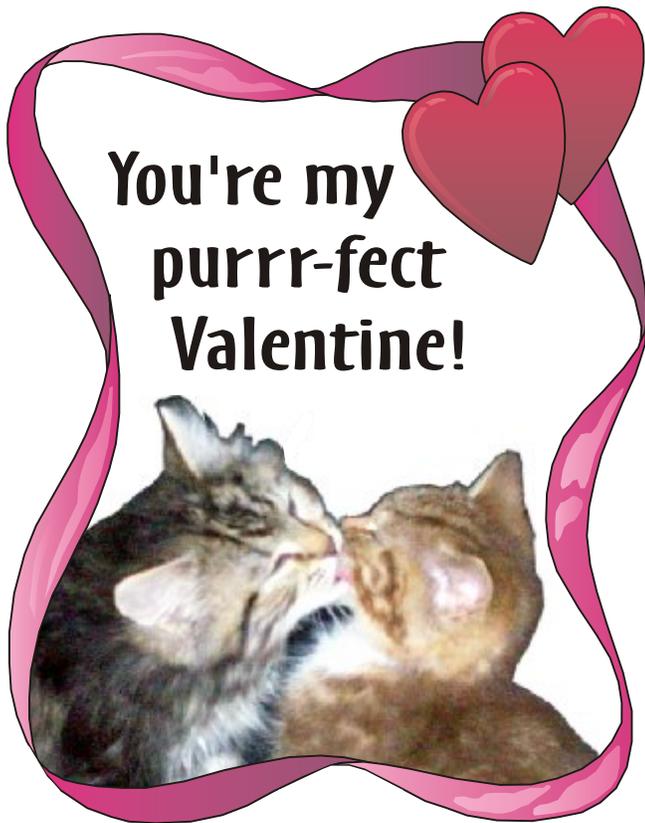
It's derived from the Greek work *herm*, and the deity Hermes, the Greek God of wisdom and knowledge. Most people relate it to the term of being Hermetically Sealed and picture something air tight. It is also needed in the alchemical process of distillation and purification.

Some say that Alexander The Great discovered a tablet known as The Emerald Tablet of Hermes Trismegistus. On this tablet was written the three parts of wisdom, known as Alchemy, Theurgy and Astrology. Astrologers, as well as psychics, even today live by the famous quote that was found on the tablet: *That which is above is the same as below and that which is without is the same as which is within.* Meaning, basically, that everyone and all things are connected somehow with energy.

There are many men and women who devote their lives to the study of Quantum Physics, where they can actually see how certain energy is proven to be transferred, but yet will scoff at psychics, astrologers and mediums.

I wonder if it's because they can not see that same energy under their microscope. Maybe they need to look closer and instead of looking out - try looking in.

Peace, Mary



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Legion news

Valley Branch #147 Upper Musquodoboit

Submitted by: Ken Burrows

The monthly and weekly activities continue for 2009. There is open cribbage every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Once a month, there is a cribbage tournament featuring a Loonie Jar and a 50/50 draw. Weekly fees are \$6 per team and the monthly tournament is \$12 per team.

The legion has excellent rental facilities. There is a large outdoor deck for those warmer months, a large meeting hall for special events such as birthdays, dances, showers and everything in between. The facility is licensed and staff is provided. The rental is \$50 for non-members and \$25 for members. Check it out.

The Legion executive is still looking for that right person or couple to provide bar services in conjunction with our hall manager, Ronald Fisher. This would be an incentive based numeration package and it is an excellent opportunity for someone with a creative imagination and entrepreneurial flair. For details call Ken at 221-2135 or Gary at 568-2987.

The Legion is looking for donated patio items. If you have patio chairs, tables, barbecues, etc., in serviceable condition and you no longer need them, please let us know. You can call Ronald Fisher at 568-2679 or any executive member.

The Legion's next regularly scheduled meeting is the first Friday of each month. Do yourself and your community a good deed and attend. See what your Legion is doing and perhaps you may want to get involved. New members are always welcome and the Legion serves a vital role in the overall health of a community.

All the best and may 2009 bring everyone good health and happiness.