

# Town Cryer



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## Environmental Awareness Day

In recognition of Environmental Awareness Week, June 3-9, the Bicentennial Theatre and the Department of Natural Resources have partnered to present an informative afternoon. Anyone interested in learning green-friendly ideas is encouraged to be at the Musquodoboit Valley Educational Complex on June 3 between 1pm and 5pm.

The first 50 people in attendance will receive one free CFL light bulb. Guest speakers Daisy Kidston, education officer for Clean Nova Scotia and HRM Solid Waste Resources education officer, Sherri Dillman, along with Jim Higgins of Grassroots Bio Mass Energy Cooperative will be on hand to answer questions and provide information.

As well, the movie, An Inconvenient Truth will begin at 2pm.

## Just a reminder

On June 2, celebrate International Trail Day in Markland. (Located off the Moose River Road) The Icelandic Memorial Society encourages anyone interested in participating in a 10km walk to meet at the Memorial Cairn, located at the mouth of the road leading to Markland, at 10am.

At the end of the trek, the Icelandic Memorial Society will provide a lunch. As well, the Dog Lake Club will be on hand to entertain.

## Going green

By now, few can argue the facts about global warming. Individuals and the communities in which they live, are being challenged to demonstrate their resourcefulness. All ready, alternatives to the usual way of doing things are beginning to emerge and efforts are being made to convert consumers to a greener way of thinking. By practicing the three Rs - reduce, reuse, recycle - people are able to make a difference. The trouble though, is that not everyone believes this. Many question if their individual attempts will ever have any impact on the bigger scheme of things. Musquodoboiters, if they want to, have an opportunity to demonstrate to others their commitment to a greener world. Because we live in a rural, agricultural valley, we have an advantage over many other communities. With a little effort, most of us could cut our consumption of products and services that are known to contribute to global warming. It's just a matter of making green-friendly changes a priority.

## Purina Walk for Dog Guides

Members of the Musquodoboit Valley Lions Club have been improving the lives of many in our area for more than two decades. Their commitment to serve and meet the needs of others is valued by many.

Among their numerous activities, such as providing Christmas food baskets and Seniors' Bingo the club supports Canine Vision Canada. As well, the Musquodoboit Valley Lions Club contribute to high school bursaries, they provide homecare equipment and collect used eye glasses. The Musquodoboit Valley

Lions Club also sponsors Peace Poster and Drug Awareness Poster and Speak-out contests. Besides, members offer to make food bank collections and participate in the CNIB mail drop fundraiser.

On June 3, the Musquodoboit Valley Lions Club invites you to meet them at the Bicentennial Theatre, Middle Musquodoboit, at 2:00pm for the largest national fundraiser of its kind. A healthy, pet-friendly, family walk has been organized to help provide Dog Guides to Canadians with visual, hearing, medical or physical disabilities. One hundred percent of the funds raised go directly toward raising, training, and providing Dog Guides to Canadians. We hope to see you there!

## One person's trash

Before taking a load of what you may consider trash to the dump, keep in mind the Middleton United Church may see it as a treasure. The church is looking for good used items as donations to their yard sale fundraising event on August 4.

## Musical Jamboree

Volunteers for the Lemmon Hill Community Centre, Dean Settlement, are organizing a Musical Jamboree to be held on June 3, at the community centre. Admission is only \$5!

For more information, please contact: Harold – phone: 568-2549.

## Penny auction and bake sale

On Saturday, June 2 folks are encouraged to drop by the St. Andrew's Church in Elderbank between 10am and 12 noon to participate in a Penny Auction and Bake Sale. Lunch will be provided. Phone: 384-2083 for more information.

## Dean salad and strawberry supper

Enjoy a variety of salad dinner plates and complete your meal with either strawberry shortcake or strawberries and cream at the Sharon Presbyterian Church on July 14 between 4:00- 6:00, Dean, Contact MVTA: 384-2006. \$7.00 adults, \$3.00 for youth aged 12 & under, Preschoolers: Free!

## Tickets on sale now!

Don't miss out on this opportunity! The Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association is selling tickets on barbecue accessories and a George Foreman grill and appliances. The winning ticket will be drawn on July 1 at the Bicentennial Theatre. Tickets are available at the Musquodoboit Valley Visitor Information Centre! Or, drop by the Musquodoboit Valley Co-Op on the afternoon of June 8 to purchase your chance to win! Good Luck! Proceeds from ticket sales will help offset the operating costs of the VIC

## Upcoming events

- June 3:** Purina Walk for Dog Guides  
2pm. Walk starts at the Bicentennial Theatre. Phone: 384-2267
- June 8:** Matt Minglewood at the Bicentennial
- June 10:** CBC's Stan Carew at the Bicentennial
- June 23:** Gays River United Church Salad Supper between 4pm and 6pm. Adults: \$7.50  
Ages 5-12yrs: \$3 and kids under 5yrs FREE
- July 7:** Bill Stevenson at the Bicentennial

Contact [info@towncryernews.ca](mailto:info@towncryernews.ca) to submit your contribution to Upcoming Events! **NOTE: THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE TOWN CRYER IS JUNE 15. The TownCryer is distributed through: Reid's, Haverstock's, Horton's Convenience Store, and J&J's Restaurant.**

## Bit of a giggle

My friend drowned in a bowl of muesli. A strong currant pulled him in.

In the front yard of a funeral home:  
DRIVE CAREFULLY. WE'LL WAIT.

## Merchandise Bingo

The board of directors for the Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association extend a sincere thank you to all those who supported the Merchandise Bingo on April 24. A special expression of gratitude goes to the more than 70 businesses and individuals who donated prizes for this fundraising event. Also, congratulations to the evening's grand prize-winner: Chris Levering

## It's going to be a party

Celebrate with the volunteers for the Upper Musquodoboit Volunteer Fire Department on July 1. Not only is the department honouring Canada Day, but, they're marking their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Included in the day's festivities are a street parade, a picnic, games, food and refreshments. Come along and join in on the fun at 10am to watch the parade. After, drop by the community hall and be part of the family oriented activities. Sometime between 9:30pm and 10pm look for a spectacular fireworks display.

## Happy birthday, Canada!

Volunteers for the Bicentennial Theatre, Middle Musquodoboit, have organized Canada Celebrations on July 1. The fun begins at noon with a flag raising and cake cutting ceremony at Corner Stone Park. Be sure to take part in the plans for a fun-filled afternoon that include face-painting, games and crafts for children of all ages. For more information, please contact: 394-2819

## I Scream! You scream!

### We all scream for ice cream!

Orders for 11.4 litres of ice cream must be in to the Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association by June 4. Phone: 384-2006 to place your order or for more information.

## You've got talent!

Students and staff at the Upper Musquodoboit Consolidated Elementary School, Upper Musquodoboit, are going to strut their stuff on June 3 in a show entitled: You've Got Talent. The fun begins at 2pm in the school auditorium. Don't be surprised if some of the talent on stage is provided by teachers and students from yesteryear. Proceeds from this event will help offset the costs of the Grade 6 trip to Big Cove.

## Get active

Craig Cole, of Meagher's Grant, is looking for youth aged 6 years and over, and adults, to participate in Tae Kwon Do classes. The four-week sessions will be on

Thursday nights at the Meagher's Grant Fire Hall. This is a chance to learn skills to defend yourself as well as an opportunity to enjoy the benefits of an active life style. Classes for kids are \$3 and adults are \$5. Contact Craig at 384-2778 to sign up or for more information.

## Get away from it all

Imagine an entire day without any distractions: no dishes, no errands, no conflicts to resolve! Why not take advantage of a one-day retreat on June 23 at Hoofbeat Hill in Elderbank? You will have the opportunity to learn the basics of Tai Chi, Meditation and QiGong from masters Ron and Mireilla Wenzel. Rest assured, the day requires no uncomfortable positions, no special dress and there is no religious affiliation. Phone: 384-2266 to register.

## A sheep or two and a kangaroo

In last month's issue of The TownCryer, Russ Benn, editor of Waterfall's TownCryer introduced himself. This month, Russ writes about the dry weather conditions that threaten agriculture and heighten the possibility of bush fires.

Yes, the drought is still bad. Up in Queensland they have just come out of floods. However, down on the Murray River and the Riverina Area it's heartbreaking. The mighty and magnificent Murray, which was one of the busiest waterways in the world many years ago, is not even a mud puddle now. Most of it you can jump over. Back in the 1800's, the paddle wheel steamers took the wool clips to the ocean near Adelaide in South Australia. They collected the bails of wool all the way from the bottom of the Snowy Mountains and from the far reaches of the Darling River. And, it all depended on the rains. When all the rivers ran, it must have been magnificent to watch. Until next time...Russ Benn.

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