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Big Bike comes to Musquodoboit



The Musquodoboit Valley Lions Club, in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, is looking for 30 people to ride the big bike when it comes to our area. On **July 15** a bike, the size of a school bus, will roll up to the Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre, Middle Musquodoboit. This amazing vehicle weighs more than 1,950 pounds, has more than 150 feet of bicycle chain and is eight feet wide and thirty feet long. Between April and September, the bike will be visiting more than 200 communities across nine provinces and have more than 54,000 riders.

If you want to have the ride of your life and become part of the Musquodoboit Random Riders, contact Alvin Blades at 384-2477 to register or to receive a pledge sheet. The Big Bike Ride begins at 6:00pm in front of the Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre and Cultural Centre and travels around, what locally is referred to as, "the big square" (approximately 3 miles).

The TownCryer is on-line

By visiting The TownCryer web site, you are now able to read and subscribe to The TownCryer. Subscriptions are **FREE**, so go to www.towncryernews.ca and sign up today!

This is a great opportunity for anyone living away from home to keep in touch with life in the Musquodoboit Valley. If you know someone who has Musquodoboit roots and lives somewhere else, perhaps they might be interested in our Valley news, so send them an email and let them know they can receive The TownCryer by email each month. Let us know what you think!

Remember, The TownCryer is your community paper. Only through your support will it be able to grow in popularity and circulation.

Go on tour!



The Musquodoboit Valley Weeders Garden Club, in support of the Food Bank, is offering gardeners, and those who just enjoy an opportunity to spend a day outside, a chance to see some of the finest blooms in season. On July 15, gardeners Valda Kelly, Roberta

Annand, Sylvia Pickles, Eric and Joyce Higgins, and Hugh and Brenda Erskine are welcoming participants in the Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank Garden Tour to their properties. Be sure to take advantage of this garden tour and enjoy the chance to view other gardeners' projects. It's exciting to share new ideas for layouts, learn about various types of plants that will grow well in this area and share knowledge gained from experience.

What's your story?



1953 Year Book – MRHS

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.

A sheep or two and a kangaroo

is not available this month

Upcoming events

- July 7:** Bill Stevenson at the Bicentennial
July 14: Dean Salad and Strawberry Supper
July 18: Dancing Fiddles at the Bicentennial

Contact info@towncryernews.ca to submit your contribution to Upcoming Events! NOTE: The DEADLINE for the NEXT ISSUE of THE TOWN CRYER is **JULY 15**. The TownCryer is distributed through: Reid's, Haverstock's, Horton's Convenience Store, and J&J's Restaurant.

Bit of a giggle

As the doctor completed an examination of the patient he said, "I can't find a cause for your complaint. Frankly, I think it's due to drinking." "In that case", said the patient, "I'll come back when you're sober."

Just a reminder

The Middleton United Church, Middle Musquodoboit, is looking for good used items as donations to their yard sale fundraising event on August 4.

The right stuff

On Saturday, July 7, between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm, the Exhibition Grounds, Middle Musquodoboit, is the place to be. If you're interested in learning more about what it takes to become a volunteer firefighter, organizers have planned a fun-filled day of activities. Representatives from Upper Musquodoboit, Middle Musquodoboit, Elderbank, Meagher's Grant, Cooks Brook and Dutch Settlement fire departments will be demonstrating their skills in various categories.

Vehicle extrication, combat challenge and a bucket brigade are among the many opportunities for members of the community to learn more about the good work of our firefighting volunteers. Children are encouraged to participate in a number of activities suitable for their age group. Throughout this recruitment/fun day, folks and their families can enjoy viewing training displays, participate in some firefighting activities and ask questions about becoming a firefighter. Proceeds from a family barbecue will be directed to the Musquodoboit Rural High School Band Program and the Musquodoboit Valley Lions Club. Contact District Chief Paul Hopkins

at 430-3801 or check out www.halifax.ca/fire for more information.

Community histories available

As part of the celebrations of the bicentennial of the settlement of the Musquodoboit Valley, a collection of community histories was compiled in 1983. Copies of individual community histories are available at the Musquodoboit Valley Visitor Information Centre, Middle Musquodoboit.

Brookvale	2.50	Greenwood	1.00
Caribou	1.75	Higgins Settlement	1.00
Centre Musq.	.50	Lake Egmont	.50
Chaplin	3.00	Lindsay Lake	.75
Chaswood	6.00	Meagher's Grant	1.25
Cook's Brook	2.50	Markland	2.25
Dean	1.25	Middle Musquodoboit	1.75
Elderbank	1.00	Moose River	.75
Elmsvale	.50	Pleasant Valley	1.50
Gay's River	1.25	South Section	3.00
Glenmore	1.00	Upper Musquodoboit	2.50

Chaplin Post Office

Following, is one of the stories found in the Community History of Chaplin, written by Mrs. Anna Leslie in 1983. The Chaplin Post Office was located in the home of Robert and Jane Chaplin during the late 1800's. Then, Mrs. Ernest Chaplin carried on until 1933. During these years, Mr. Lewis Dean delivered the mail from the Dean Post Office to the Chaplin Post Office, three times a week.

In 1933, the Rural Route was started from Upper Musquodoboit. Mr. Andrew Wm. Cox was the mail driver from 1933 until 1945. He went every day to Upper Musquodoboit to pick up the mail and delivered it to mail boxes all along the road to the end of Chaplin Settlement. Although Mr. Cox had a car, most of the year he had to drive a horse and wagon due to muddy roads or a horse and sleigh during the winter to get through the snow. The roads were not plowed as quickly after a snowstorm as they are now.

In 1945, Wilfred Wright, accompanied by his wife, Marjorie, took over the mail route. By this time, the driving was done only by car. Mr. Wright retired in 1975. From then, until the present day (1983), the mail is

delivered by Ralph Fisher, who also has the help of his wife, Jean.

Be sure to keep reading The TownCryer to learn more about the history of the Musquodoboit Valley, its people, and their stories.

Wilderness day camps

As part of their summer program, the Natural Resources Education Centre, Middle Musquodoboit, is offering youth aged seven to fourteen years an opportunity to explore and learn more about nature.

Camp	Dates	Ages	Registration Deadline
Wilderness Expedition Camp	July 9-13	10-12 yrs of age	July 6
Wilderness Exploration Camp	July 16-20	7-9 yrs of age	July 13
Wilderness Excursion Camp	Aug 8-10	13-14 yrs of age	Aug 3

For more information or to register, please phone: 384-3420.

Musquodoboit Valley closet cleanout

The Musquodoboit Valley Family Resource Centre (MVFC) is a non-profit organization that provides programs and services to the community to enhance and support families in health and life-long learning. At this time, the MVFC is requesting donations of used children's clothing to be made. Items, such as coats, hats, gloves, scarves, pajamas, shoes, boots, pants, shorts, shirts, dresses and active wear will be greatly appreciated. If you wish to have your donation picked up, please phone: 384-2151 or, drop off your donations (during business hours) to the MVFC (located above Haverstock's Pharmacy, Middle Musquodoboit.)