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New location!

The Employment Development Program & Job Search Centre has moved to their new location: 10 Elm Drive, Middle Musquodoboit. Staff offers a full range of services including: resumés, assisted job searching, cover letters and a variety of workshops. The hours of operation are: Monday to Friday 9:00am – 4:30pm. Please call the Centre at (902) 384-2390 for further assistance or to book an appointment with one of the trained personal.

Staff at the Employment Development Program and Job Search Centre look forward to serving you at their new office. Come and have a coffee and see the new space.

Riverside 4-H has a web site

Riverside 4-H Club now has its own web site. The address is: www.riverside4h.karsibgraphics.com

Upcoming events and news will be posted regularly. Registration for the club is October 1st at 7:00pm (location to be announced).

Men of the Deeps concert

Plan to attend The Men of the Deeps concert that begins at 7 pm on Oct. 13, at the Musquodoboit Valley Education Centre, Middle Musquodoboit. Also sharing the stage will be Perry Chapman and choirs from Dutch Settlement, Middle Musquodoboit and Upper Musquodoboit elementary schools. "The Men of the Deeps is a choir of working and retired coal miners from the island of Cape Breton. Organized in 1966 as part of Cape Breton's contribution to Canada's Centennial Year

(1967), the group's inception was an effort by the people of Cape Breton to preserve, in song, some of the rich folklore of that island's coal mining communities." (ref. web site)

Tickets are available for \$25 each, at the Lower Musquodoboit Pastoral Charge Church office located in St. Andrew's Church, Elderbank. The office hours are as follows: Tues. and Fri. between 9 am and 12 noon. Or, contact Mike or John Griffin at 384-2542. If you want more information, please phone 384-3457. Proceeds from this event will go to the Lower Musquodoboit Pastoral Charge.

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Greenwood

Following is an excerpt from the Community History of Greenwood.

The first school in Greenwood was a log building situated on the north side of the old highway on land later owned by Everett Dechman. It was called Benvie's, Upper Musquodoboit #2. The school was supported by the parents and, the teacher's name was William Muir (June, 1832 – November 1832). The first preaching in Greenwood was at the home of Wellwood Reynolds. There was a flagpole located on the Dechman hill. Mr. Dechman raised the flag whenever the preaching was taking place so the people would know. Rev. John Spratt was the minister. Rev. Spratt had the first wagon in the Valley and about that time, the government appointed a magistrate. The minister was driving one day when he

picked up the new magistrate. He wanted to know what he thought of his wagon. The magistrate made answer, "It is a better conveyance than your master had, when he rode into Jerusalem sitting on the back of an ass." Rev. Sprott replied, "The government had taken all the asses and made them into magistrates, so I have to do with a horse."

The first blacksmith shop in the Valley was located in Greenwood on the Wellwood Reynolds' farm. Mr. Scott was the name of the blacksmith and when he moved away, he felled a big tree, hollowed it out for a boat and he and his wife floated down the river to the Harbour.

To learn more about Greenwood's history, please drop by the Visitor Information Centre, Middle Musquodoboit before Oct.6.

Community histories available

Copies of individual community histories, as well as a complete collection, are available at the Musquodoboit Valley Visitor Information Centre, Middle Musquodoboit.

VIC closes October 6

The board of directors for the Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association (MVTA) sponsors of the VIC, extends a sincere thank you to MaryAnn Parker, who is staff supervisor this year. As well, thanks to Evelyn Allan who has been working as a staff supervisor assistant on a six-week term.

This year, the MVTA was pleased to partner with Glenmore Industries and Sunberry Cranberry Producers Inc. to promote their products. Although the VIC may be closed for this season, volunteers for MVTA will continue to work throughout the winter months. The Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association looks forward to participating in the annual Festival of Trees and Christmas Craft Festival. Thanks to everyone who has continued to support the local tourism association.

Christmas is coming

If you are looking for a Christmas gift with a Musquodoboit Valley connection, drop by the Musquodoboit Valley Visitor Information Centre before it closes on Oct. 6. There are numerous books, written by local

authors and a wide selection of CDs that have been recorded by our very own talented musicians. For more info, please phone: 384-2006.

Yard sale

There will be a multi-family yard sale on October 6th starting at 9:00am at Castles Gardens, Middle Musquodoboit. Items include household goods, furniture, both large and small appliances, and dishes.

Bit of a giggle

Did you hear of the poor fellow who drowned at work in a vat of varnish?

It was a terrible end, but a beautiful finish!

Upcoming events

- Oct. 5 Jens Jepsen "Newgrass Bluegrass" 8pm @ Bicentennial Theatre
- Oct 6 Shanneyganock (Traditional Newfoundland Music & Humour) 7:30pm @ Bicentennial Theatre
- Oct 13 Men of the Deeps 7pm @ Musquodoboit Valley Education Centre
- Oct. 20 Hot Turkey Supper @ Gays River United Church 4-6pm
- Oct. 20 Christmas Tea & Sale 11am-3pm @ Sharon Presbyterian Church, Dean
- Oct 21 Gospel Concert 2pm @ Middleton United Church, Middle Musquodoboit
- Oct. 27 Hot Turkey Supper @ Middleton United Church, Middle Musquodoboit

For details about any of the above, or to see further into the fall for what's going on in our Valley, go to: www.mvta.net and click on UPCOMING EVENTS.

Contact info@towncryernews.ca to submit your contribution to Upcoming Events! NOTE: The DEADLINE for the NEXT ISSUE of THE TOWN CRYER is OCTOBER 15. Printed copies of The TownCryer are distributed through: Reid's, Haverstock's, Horton's Convenience Store, and J&J's Restaurant. You can sign up to receive the TownCryer by email at: www.towncryernews.ca . Subscriptions are FREE!!

Where are they now?

This month, The TownCryer received the following correspondence from Rod Redden, of Toyama, Japan. Online readers/subscribers who have some connection to the Musquodoboit Valley are encouraged to contact this little community newspaper to let us know where you are now.

Hello. My family is still in Lindsay Lake and Middle Musquodoboit. I just wanted to give you some information about how I'm doing. I've been teaching English as a Second Language first in Korea from 1996-99 and then, I moved to Japan where I have been teaching since 1999. I came home to Nova Scotia for nine months in 2003 and married my wife Emi on May 18, 2003. We have 5 children. Tomoki 14, Kazuma 12 (both boys) Arisa 9, (girl), Ian 2 (born May 12, 2005) and our newest daughter Leena born June 27, 2007. I graduated from Saint Mary's University with a BA in History in 1995. Since then I have worked for Parks Canada as part of the 78th Highlanders. Then, in November 1996, I began my career as an English teacher. I was able to see some of my classmates at the Ex in 2003. My Japanese kids really liked seeing a Canadian festival. Thanks for the little paper.

Sincerely,

Rod Redden BA Saint Mary's University 1995
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Education, Toyama, Japan

Gospel concerts starting soon

Local performers and musicians will kick off this year's Gospel Concert Series on Oct. 21, beginning at 2 pm. If you enjoy good times and good music, in the company of good people, be sure to come along to the Middleton United Church basement on the third Sunday of November, January, February and March to enjoy the rest of the Gospel Concerts. Admission is free, but good-will donations will be gratefully accepted.

Notice

The Musquodoboit Valley Business Directory is now available online: www.musquodoboitvalley.karsibgraphics.com List your Musquodoboit Valley business or community group for FREE! This is a great resource if you are looking for a particular business' contact name, phone number, fax number, email address, or web address.

To serve and protect

RCMP Halifax district – North central office

There have been a couple of staffing changes at the North Central Office in the past month. Cst. Pollock has left the office to return to the Cole Harbour office and a new recruit has joined the office, Cst. James Stapleford. There were 88 calls for service in the month of July. Now schools are back in, the members will be spending some time getting to know the staff and students at each of the four schools in the area. Also, with a new school year, come volunteers who need to have criminal record searches done. These searches can be completed at the office at 12090 Hwy. 224, Middle Musquodoboit. There is a charge for the service - \$12 for volunteers and \$30 for employment and other searches. You must bring cash (the exact change), as well as two pieces of government issued identification, such as driver's license, health card, SIN card or birth certificate. Searches are usually completed within 2 – 3 business days, unless you have lived outside the area within the past 5 years. The office is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, with the exception of lunch time from 12:00 - 1:00 pm and holidays. For an emergency please call 911. For a non-emergency, please call 1-866-443-6344 or 384-3401 during normal office hours.

Please consider the following recreational safety tips when utilizing trails located within HRM:

- Educate yourself about your destination and respect the uses and trail regulations posted. Only use authorized trails and respect closures. Remember that some trails are for pedestrian use only and should not be utilized by means of an Off Highway Vehicle.
- Be considerate when parking your vehicle on public highways and streets which may be adjacent to the trail. Avoid parking in no parking zones or near private driveways, bus stops and/or mail boxes. Lock your vehicle and do not leave valuables such as purses, wallets or cell phones inside.
- Wear comfortable footwear and clothing. Always pack food and water.
- Plan ahead, if on the trail after dark, make sure you wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight.
- Travel with a companion whenever possible and let family or friends
- Know the route you will be taking. Avoid unfamiliar or isolated areas if on the trail alone and stay on the pathway.
- Respect the Wildlife and Environment. Don't litter.
- In case of emergency, carry your cell phone, whistle or noisemaker.
- Call 911 immediately if you suspect you, or someone else, is in danger.