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THE LONG ISLAND, BRIER ISLAND AND DIGBY NECK NEWS

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Long and Brier Island Ferry Fees Go Up April 1st!

By Andy Moir

Well, it was shocking news. It's going to cost a lot more to ride the ferries...a whole lot more. In fact, a massive increase. Tickets for 10 return trips for a car are going from $13.50 to $35.00. $50 for a truck.Yearly fares, for those who can afford to shell out that much at one time, remain at $162.

Did Gordon Wilson or the Liberal government send out a press release? No, the information was hidden away in a government document called User Fees and Government Charges 2015-2016. Most fees the government charges for services are going up by around three per cent. But our ferry service - our only link to the mainland - is going to cost more than two and a half times what it costs now, and of course if you live on Brier Island, you're doubly penalized.

David Tudor hosted a large turnout to discusss the ferry fares

The fare for casual visitors who pay cash goes up to $7.00 return trip, so add $14 for someone who wants to go whale watching on Brier Island.

To his credit, Gordon Wilson came to the Islands for a hastily-called meeting on Saturday March 28th. Even with very little notice over 100 people showed up to voice their concern and Mr. Wilson got an earful. Thanks to David Tudor, Councillor for District 4, for organizing the meeting.

Gordon Wilson responds to a question

Interestingly, Mr. Wilson said that he was not aware that the fees were going to go up. He hadn't been consulted, and he found out when everyone else did.

He was asked repeatedly to justify why our ferry fees are going up 160 per cent, when most of the other 1100 user fees the province charges only went up by three per cent.

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Unfortunately, there never was a lucid explanation. There was much talk about the big financial mess the government is in. There was talk about how user fees should at least approach the cost of providing the service (in the case of the provincial ferry service, fees cover about $1 million of the $9 million dollar operating cost). But no matter how many times he was asked why 160 per cent, he couldn't provide an answer.

He says he has argued the case that we are in a special situation…with no alternative route to get to where we want to go. But that has apparently fallen on deaf ears. He says he was pleased that the yearly pass rate hasn't increased, but conceded that that doesn't help the many low income people on the Islands.

Mr. Wilson conceded that many people can't afford to buy a $162 pass and then still have enough money for groceries or medications and he wants to try to solve that problem.

One of the solutions proposed was that people buy books of tickets, but when they have bought $162 worth of tickets, they then get a yearly pass. There were several variations of that theme presented.

The problem with that is this: under the current fare structure, you can buy a book of 10 return trip tickets for $13.50. Many people only go off the Islands once a week. So over the course of a year, (if you live on Long Island) they would have to buy 5.2 books of tickets for trips to Digby and beyond, which would cost them a total of $70.20 for the year. To get to the magic figure of $162 for a yearly pass, a person would have to buy 4.6 books at $35 each. That's most of a year's trips anyway, and it ends up costing them more than twice as much as it costs now. The situation for someone on Brier Island, with two ferries to use, is even more dire.

There were also many concerns raised about the impact on tourism. If someone has to pay $14 to make the return trip to Brier Island, plus additional fees if they want to go back and forth between the Islands a couple of times, that is going to deter some people from coming at all.

Another point that was made is that, in the overall scheme of government revenues, the amount collected from ferry fares is negligible. It means nothing, comparatively speaking, to government revenues. But the increases have a huge impact on the people who have to pay for them and there is no evidence that the costs involved in actually collecting the fees, printing tickets, doing all the book work, isn't at the end of the day more expensive than what is actually collected. The government has done no calculations on what the negative impact on tax revenues will be if businesses suffer because of this increase.

Mr. Wilson promised to go back and fight to try to get his government to reconsider this decision. He says he's working with five other MLAs who have ferries in their ridings, who also have big concerns about the massive increases. He acknowledges that the Islands are a totally different case, because we have no alternative route.

This really is a direct attack on the people who live on the Islands. Please call Gordon Wilson. His number is 902-245-5300. Email him at info@claredigby.ca and write to the Minister or Transportation, Geoff MacLellan Phone 903 424 5857 or email TIRMIN@novascotia.ca

We all know how damaging and costly this will be to Islanders. Make sure our politicians get that message loud and clear.

The changes come into effect April 1st. A very bad April Fool's joke.

Everyone *loves Lucy! She's Arthur and Janet Titus's adorable little bundle of fur. The one who sits and waves her front paws at whoever stops to say hello to her, usually while sitting beside Arthur in the car. Well, she has a rival in the "heart melter" department, now, in the form of a recently arrived "little brother" named Beau. Arthur tells us that Lucy wasn't overly enthusiastic about the new pup for the first few days, but now they're best buddies. (How much cuteness can these Islands handle?)*

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To add an event to the Community Calendar, e-mail: 1passages@gmail.com.

Letitia Thimot was editor of this month's paper and will also edit next month's issue.

Deadline for submissions for the May issue is April 25th.

A CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

with international award winning author

Donna Morrissey

on

Brier Island

Donna Morrissey is the author of five best-selling novels - *Kit's Law, Downhill Chance, Sylvanus Now, What They Wanted,* and *The Deception Of Livvy Higgs,* as well as a screenplay, *Clothesline Patch,* which won a Gemini Award.

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Ask about Morrissey Workshop accommodation specials at the following establishments:

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The Brier Island Lodge 1-800-662-8355

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ella Patterson of Medicine Hat, Alberta, on her artwork being selected as one of the winning entries in a city wide art contest.

Great accomplishment Ella!

Love, Grommie and Grampie at Brier Island

Thank You

Thank you to the Tiverton and Freeport Volunteer Fire Departments for extinguishing our severe chimney fire on March 7th and saving our home.

Thank you also goes to Wayne Buckman and Kendall Ossinger; Kendall and Richie Crocker for installing our new chimney so quickly the following day. To Bruce Guier for sanding our driveway. Heather & Kendall Crocker and Brian & Sis Perry for lending us heaters and finally Stanton Seamone for providing the staging to install the new chimney.

Your kindness and generosity in our time of need is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

The Cann family

Good Ambassadors for our Island

By Walter and Diane Crocker

We received the following picture and write-up from our Australian friends, Reg and Helen Driver, who visited in

This is the newspaper article printed in the South Australia Advertiser

September. After meeting them at the Halifax airport we toured the South Shore and Valley, but saved the piece of resistance until the last when we brought them to our Island. Apparently South Australia's daily newspaper features photos with an accompanying description sent in from travellers highlighting a particular area where they have been. Helen is an avid photographer and sent in these photos which she took and was thrilled when their submission was chosen for the January 31st. issue of the South Australia Advertiser.

Beat The Winter Blahs Week

Lauren Sollows celebrates 80's day as she takes part in a Hula competition

The Family Drop-In Centre Looking for Employees from Islands

The Family Drop-In Centre, temporarily located at 1 Birch Street in Digby, is a community based organization that is dedicated to using a strength based, participant driven approach to program delivery. The organization strives to establish effective partnerships which encourage community development and increase supports for families.

The Family Drop-In Centre conducted research throughout Digby County in the summer and fall of 2014. They distributed parent surveys, service provider surveys, and facilitated focus groups with the intention of using the collected information to establish meaningful and accessible Family Resource Programming in Digby County.

The resulting information is currently being analyzed and a full report will be available by the summer of 2015. The report will outline the results of the research and, in addition, speak to the actions being taken to address the outcomes. The Centre will be seeking feedback throughout the process.

Although the research continues to be analysed, the Family Drop-In Centre is beginning to address some outcomes and conclusions. The information gathered from Brier Island and Long Island clearly indicates the desire for programs and services that reflect the identified needs of the Island residents and that take place in their own community. As a result, the Centre is now moving towards establishing a foundation for program delivery on the Islands.

Currently the Family Drop-In Centre is seeking applications, from Island residents, for one or two part-time positions. The successful applicant/s will assist in creating, implementing and delivering programs and services for Island families. The candidate/s must:

- have a grade 12 education
- have a valid driver's licence
- have reliable transportation
- be willing to work flexible part-time hours
- agree to a police and child abuse check
- be willing and able to attend and take part in required training
- attend staff meetings
- have some experience in or the desire to gain experience in family and child focused program delivery.
- be willing and prepared to take on increased responsibility for programming on the Islands
- work as part of a team with other Centre staff

Applications will be accepted until April 17, 2015

Telephone 1-902-245-2300 for further information

Forward resumes to the attention of Debbie Smith using one of the following options:

- By fax to: 1-902-245-2311
- By Mail to: The Family Drop-In Centre, 1 Birch Street, Box 668, Digby, NS,B0V 1A0
- By e-mail to: debbiesmith@ns.aliantzinc.ca
- By Drop-off at: 1Birch Street, Digby

Women's Institute Annual Swap Day

The Women's Institute Annual Swap Day will be held at ICS on April 11th at 11 am.

All items accepted if they are clean and in good working order.

Bring something in and take lots home with you (*You don't have to bring anything with you*).

Lunch will be served by the Women's Institute.

Everyone welcome!

Coming Soon!

Encouraging everyone to start your plants now for our upcoming Annual Plant Swap and Farmer's Market in late May or early June. This will be sponsored by the Women's Institute. More information in the next issue of Passages.

Tiverton Firemen's Breakfast
will be held on April 12th from 8 to10:30am.
Freewill offering,
Everyone Welcome!

ICS News

By Helen Ivens

Student-Led Conferences

For quite a number of years now the Primary-2 students and their parents have taken part in Student-Led Conferences; Parent-Teacher Conferences with a twist. Parents bring their children along on conference day so they can lead them through various classroom activities. The children have an opportunity to show their parents their work and tell them all about it. They also take part in some of the activities that the children do in the classroom during the school day. Everyone seems to enjoy their time together and the students get to be the stars of the show! We'd like to thank all the parents and children who came out on March 5th to take part in this year's conferences.

Sophia Moore shows her work to her mom and dad, Krista and Travis

Emma and Courtney Delaney build a giant "Wedgit" tower

Jayden Balser and mom Tina work together to build a tower out of "Magnetix" building shapes

Nova and Demeka Tudor teach their dad, David how to play "Sneaky Snake" an addition game

A different kind of Show and Tell
Hannah VanTassel shows her mom, Vicky her school work and tells her all about it at Student-Led Conferences

Tegan Theriault and mom, Tamara work on their "Magnetix" masterpiece

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known to most of us as Dr. Seuss, was born on March 2, 1904. Although the author is gone, his books live on. So, on March 2nd Elementary students and teachers at I.C.S. had a birthday celebration in Dr. Seuss' honour.

The cast of the Cat in the Hat
Tegan Theriault, Karlee Farnsworth, Sierra Lunn, Brody Lent, Sophia Gillis (Sally) and Edward Smeltzer

The children were invited to dress up as Seuss characters and many did. We had lots of Thing 1 and Thing 2 running about along with Cat in the Hats. Sally, Daisyhead Maisy,

Madison Crocker, Thing 2; Sophia Moore, the Cat in the Hat and Clara Allbright, Thing 1.
Three of the main characters in Dr. Seuss' Cat in the Hat

the Lorax, the Grinch, some star-bellied Sneeches and a few other unusual characters typical of Dr. Seuss' books also spent the day with us.

We began with book buddies sharing some of the many Seuss books we had collected. Our Houses competed in a Seuss trivia challenge which was won by Green House.

Then we all watched the movie Horton Hears a Who which is based on Dr. Seuss' book about acceptance that teaches the importance of all people and the responsibility we have to help and protect each other. There are a lot of life lessons hidden among many of Dr. Seuss' zany characters.

Seuss-buddies, Charlotte Crocker and Clara Allbright

Lauren Sollows, The Lorax, listens as Maya Gillis reads Dr. Seuss' environmentally friendly book, The Lorax

Karlee Farnsworth, Thing 1, enjoys her green eggs and ham at lunchtime, thanks to Claudia Crocker who cooked the meal as part of Mrs. O'Neil's O2 class (Options and Opportunities-O2)

Say! I like Green Eggs and Ham! I do, I like them Sam I Am! Alex Wentzell agrees, green eggs and ham are great

At lunch time we were all treated to green eggs and ham, provided by the Options and Opportunities (O2) class. Everyone who gave them a try agreed they were yummy. (Some even thought they were pretty!) To top it all off we

Lorena Howard created the amazing Dr. Seuss birthday cake featuring the Cat in the Hat and Green Eggs and Ham (Dr. Seuss' best seller). Thanks Lorena, it tasted as good as it looked!

each had a piece of Lorena's Dr. Seuss cake--mmm-mmm-good! The children took part in many other Seuss activities in the afternoon. It was a Seusserific day. Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss. Thank you for your many books, your imagination and words of wisdom!

A few quotes from Dr. Seuss

"Today was good. Today was FUN. Tomorrow is another one. from Dr. Seuss' One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish.

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose."--from Oh, the Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss.

"A person's a person no matter how small."--from Horton Hears a Who by Dr. Seuss.

"The more that you READ, the more things you will KNOW. The more that you LEARN, the more places you'll GO."--from I Can Read With My Eyes Shut by Dr. Seuss.

UNLESS someone like YOU cares a whole awful lot, NOTHING is going to get better. It's NOT. from The Lorax by Dr. Seuss.

Beat The Winter Blahs Week

It's been a long, cold, snowy winter so we really appreciated this fun week with all its dress-up days and special

Madame Addington and Ms. Cossaboom
Flashback to the 80's

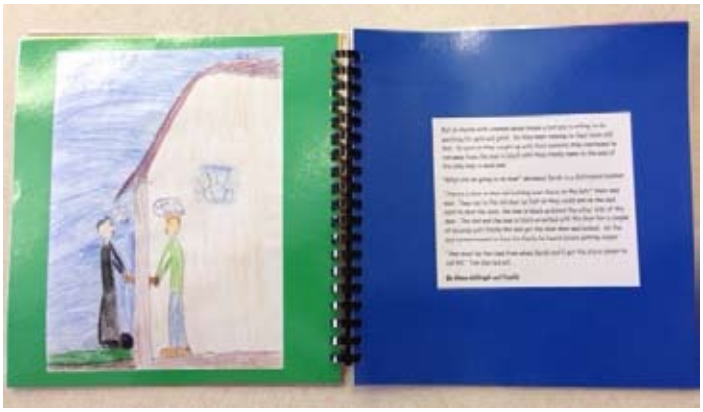
events. We got to wear our PJs, our summer clothes, our fancy party dresses and suits and the bright, neon colours of the 80's. Students ate pancakes, danced, watched a movie and competed against the staff in beachball volleyball. Many thanks to the Student Council and Ms. Cossaboom for organizing all the activities that helped lift our spirits and brighten our days.

Colby Allbright
Ready, set, HULA!

The Man in Black

A Progressive Family Literacy Story
Written by students in Mrs. Moore's
Gr 4/5 and their families
January to March 2015
Submitted by Krista Moore

To celebrate family literacy day, at the end of January, the students in Mrs. Moore's 4/5 class took part in a progressive family literacy story. The story was written



by the students and their families. Names were drawn to determine the order in which the folder/story would be taken home. Each student in the class took a turn taking home a folder with a scribbler and some blank paper. The student and their family would read what had been written so far and then add to and continue the story, writing up to a page and drawing a picture. The folder was returned to school and then sent home with the next student on the list, until each student in the class had a chance to add to the story. The final name on the list had the job of finishing up/ending the story and was the only family to read/hear the entire story. The story was top secret and many students, especially those at the top of the list, wondered how the story was progressing. On Friday March 27th parents were invited to school for milk and cookies and to hear the completed and "published" story.

One day there was a brother and a sister, their names were Sarah and Tom. Sarah was 9 and Tom was 10. They always played together and they were in the same class. One day they were on the bus to go home when Sarah saw a man in all black. He was in a field.

"Who is that?" thought Sarah and she asked Tom if he had seen the man before but he said,

"No."

"What is he doing?" thought Sarah.

"Maybe he is lost." said Tom.

By the time they got home, they had forgotten all about the creepy guy and went outside to play.

They saw the same man in all black again.

"What is going on here?" whispered Tom, so the guy couldn't hear them.

"We should get out of here." whispered Sarah, so they tip-toed back to the house. They told their parents what they had seen.

By Zack Allbright and Family

"Maybe he was just going for a walk." said Tom's mother.

"He seemed so creepy!" said Sarah.

"Yeah!" said Tom.

Since he had been in the family yard, their mom suggested they find him and investigate. They put their jackets on and headed out for the search. It was cold and starting to snow. They spotted the man and began to follow his footsteps. He headed down an alley and the kids did not want to follow, so mom went alone while dad waited with the kids.

By Sophia Gillis and Family

The mother walked quietly, in the soft fallen snow, down the creepy alleyway, in hopes she wouldn't be heard or seen. As she walked towards the end of the alleyway, she noticed a large green dumpster filled with rotten food and infested with rodents. Trying to block out the thoughts of the rats scurrying past her feet, she noticed that the footsteps led just around the corner of the dumpster, to a large steel door. The mother, being nervous yet curious, grasped the door knob to find it being locked. Turning slowly, she quietly started back out the alleyway, when all of the sudden she was grabbed from behind. She let out a shrill scream, which alarmed Tom, Sarah and their father. Tom and Sarah's father looked at

them and said,
"Tom and Sarah, you have to run to the nearest house and call 911. I've got to go find your mother." Their father ran off into the alleyway.

By Kyle Moore and Family

Tom and Sarah came to a corner store first. Bursting through the door, they screamed, "CALL 911!! CALL 911!!"
The store clerk calmed Tom and Sarah down to find out what happened and then called 911 for them.
Tom and Sarah go back to the alley to see if their dad found their mom. Tom and Sarah holler to their mom and dad down the alley,
"MOM! DAD!"
They wait…
They hear nothing.
Tom asks Sarah if they should go look for them.

By Nathaniel Dykens and Family

"I'm not sure." said Sarah
Just then Tom and Sarah heard a terrifying scream. Then they heard a large crashing sound.
"What was that?" asked Tom.
"I don't know." said Sarah. They ran into the alleyway towards the noise.
"It's coming from behind the trash can." Tom said. Slowly Tom crept towards the noise; Sarah was right on his heels. Tom's heart was racing as they crept towards the noise. The alley was long with green moss oozing from the bricks and heavy mist in the air. Sarah thought they would never get to the garbage can, but finally they did. They looked at the garbage can; it was rattling back and forth. Tom cautiously opened the lid only to find a raccoon with its head in a jar.

By Emily Crocker and Family

"Should we help it?" Sarah asked Tom.
"Well…it is a raccoon with its head stuck in a jar." Tom answered.
"So we should then?" asked Sarah.
"Right!"
Tom and Sarah looked around the alley and saw an old oil jug.
"Perfect!" Sarah explained picking it up. "There's just enough oil to help slide the jar off the raccoons head."
They took the jug back over to the dumpster and got the jar off the raccoon.
"So what should we do now?" Tom asked.
Just then, the old steel door creaked open. Tom and Sarah looked at each other and without saying a thing, slowly crept toward the door. Sarah peeked through the crack in the door and saw

By Lauren Sollows and Family

their parents tied up to a pole. Tom and Sarah slipped into a corner and hid. They saw the mysterious man in black saying,
"I want to know where the jewels are!!"
Tom and Sarah looked at each other, and then Tom said,
"What is he talking about Sarah?"
"I have no idea!" said Sarah.
The man in black left the room. Tom and Sarah went to their mom and dad and told them they were going to get them out of there. They worked fast and got their parents untied.
"We'll explain later! Let's get home!" said their parents.
They all ran out of the alley and through the snowy streets. Little did they know the man in black followed them.
Locking the doors behind them, Sarah, Tom and their parents sat down to discuss what just happened. Tom and Sarah learned a lot that night. They came to realize that they came from a long line of wealth. King and Queen of Bel Air were their great, great, great grandparents.
Sarah glanced out the window and saw the man in black.
"Mom! Dad! He's here!!"

By Grayson Crocker and Family

Sarah and Tom looked at their parents and unanimously said,
"What are we going to do?"
Mom quickly responded with a well thought out plan,
"Go upstairs and where the bookcase is, pull the third book out. A secret door will open, go in there and hide with the jewels until we come up."
So Sarah and Tom went upstairs to find the third book, they pulled it and they were pushed into the room. The secret door shut behind them. As they gazed around the room in amazement, they saw a ton of jewels, all in boxes and cupboards. They were all different colors and sizes.
"So many jewels!! These must be worth millions!!" Sarah said in amazement.
"Well," said Tom, "if we lived here all these years and didn't know about these jewels or this secret room, what else are out parents hiding from us? And how does the man in black know about these jewels?"

By Griffin Moore and Family

Suddenly there was a loud banging sound coming from the kitchen.
"Mom!" yelled Sarah.

"Dad!" yelled Tom
BANG came from the kitchen. Tom started to fill his pockets full of old golden coins and sparkling gems and stones of all colors and sorts.
"What are you doing?" said Sarah.
"We're going to be rich!" yelled Tom, "If we ever get out of here alive, I'm getting out of here rich!" He grabbed a gold and diamond encrusted plate off of a bronze pillar, the floor shifted beneath them, the pillar dropped into blackness, the ground rumbled and shook, a book case full of crowns and gems fell onto its side and a doorway lay behind it. Through the doorway revealed something that neither Tom nor Sarah thought they would ever see.

By Maya Gillis and Family

It was almost too bright to look at. There were golden shelves with diamonds on them and there were golden statues of dragons and knights and it smelled good, too good. Distracted Sarah said, "Did they use Febreeze down here?"
Then Tom started to tiptoe away, luckily for Tom there was a vent. Tom started to crawl in it. Then Sarah finally came to her senses and saw Tom crawling in the vent.
"HA HA, YOU'LL NEVER GET ME NOW YA DONKEY! ALL THE LOOT WILL BE MINE!!" Tom yelled. Then Sarah ran over to the vent and crawled in it too. It was pitch black!

By Dave Comeau and Family

After crawling through the long vent Tom yelled, "I see a light!!"
"Terrific! Now keep crawling!" Sarah ordered. Soon enough they reached the end of the vent. There was a rotten wooden door. They peeked through the small window; they saw the man in black! He didn't see them but they crouched down and they made a plan.

By Jayden Lombard and Family

The plan was, Tom was going to set some jewels right near the stairs and Sarah would put some near the house. Then the man in black would come after the jewels and slip on the oil. Next came the rope, the man in black would get tangled in the rope and eventually he would knock a bucket of paint onto himself and blind him for a while. When that happened he would knock over a statue off a shelf and pull the other end of the rope which was actually a chandelier line and eventually he would be hanging upside down and trapped. As they say, easier said than done.

By Elijah Webster and Family

Tom and Sarah went to work setting their trap. As Sarah was pouring the oil, Tom tripped on the jewels and made a big noise. The man in black heard it and ran after them. Tom and Sarah saw him coming after them so they turned and ran down the alley way and saw their mom and dad waiting for them. The man in black slipped on the oil but did not fall, he kept chasing them. His shoes were slippery from the oil and he kept sliding everywhere. The man in black yelled,
"I won't hurt you!"

By Edward Smeltzer and Family

But as anyone with common sense knows a bad guy is willing to do anything for gold and gems. So they kept running to their mom and dad. As soon as they caught up with their parents they continued to run away from the man in black until they finally came to the end of the alley way; a dead end.
"What are we going to do now?" shrieked Sarah in a distressed manner.
"There's a door in that old building over there on the left." their dad said. They ran to the old door as fast as they could and as the dad went to shut the door, the man in black grabbed the other side of the door. The dad and the man in black wrestled with the door for a couple of seconds until finally the dad got the door shut and locked. As the dad turned around to face his family he heard sirens getting closer.
"That must be the cops from when Sarah and I got the store owner to call 911." Tom blurted out.

By Clara Allbright and Family

"HELP! HELP!" screamed Tom as the sirens got closer, "we are in here. He is trying to get us, the man in black." As the cops got closer they heard the man in black running away from the door yelling,
"I will get my diamonds and jewels. They belong to my family, I will be back."
As the father opened the door, the cops were waiting to find out what was going on. After they told the cops about the man in black and the jewels, the cops got them to show them where the jewels came from. The cops were so shocked to see all the diamonds and jewels; they started jumping up and down, shouting,
"We solved it, we solved it!"
Thanking Tom, Sarah and their mom and dad, telling them about the jewels and the biggest jewel theft in history. They all went to leave when all of the sudden the man in black appeared and he

By Leleah Boudreau and Family

said,
"Don't' move I want my diamonds and jewels!"

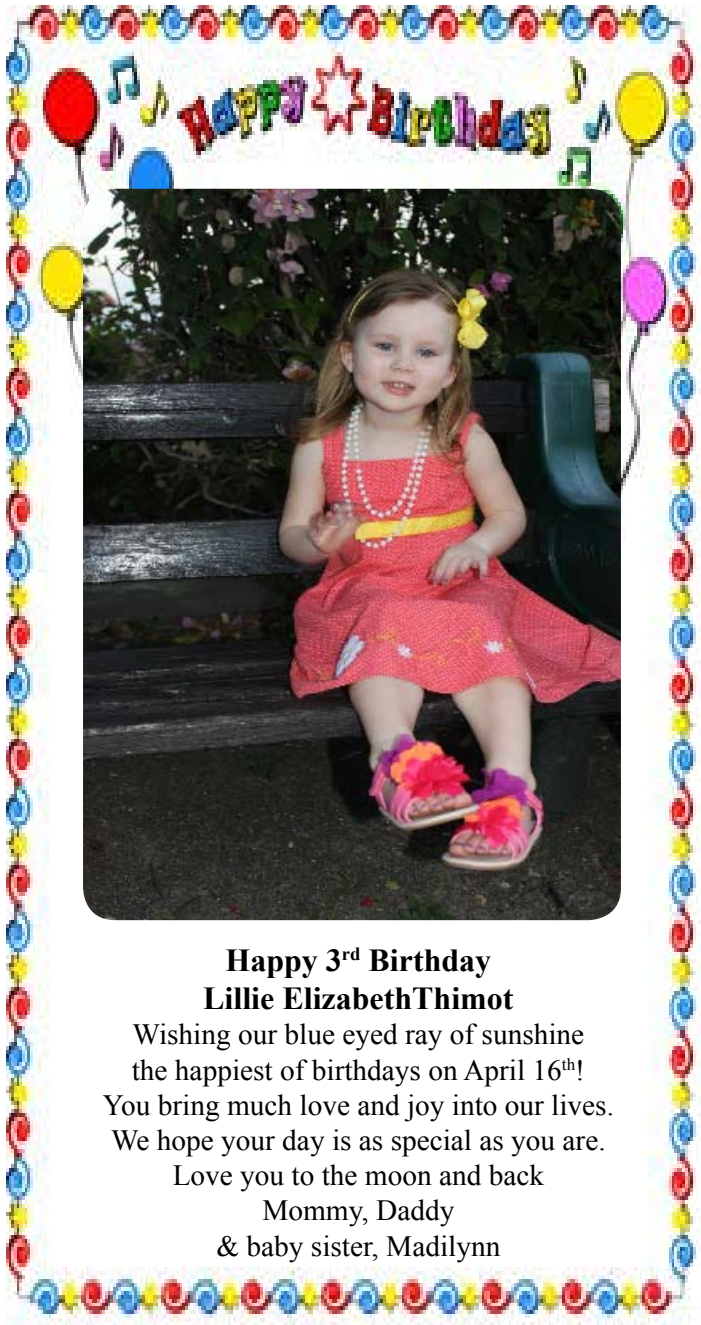
Tom and Sarah turned around and saw he had a gun. Tom and Sarah distracted the man in black by pushing the garbage chute. He said,
"Why did you push the garbage chute?"
The police grabbed the gun out of his pocket. When the man in black went to grab his gun, the gun was gone. The police tossed the gun to Tom and Sarah. Meanwhile the man in black jumped down the garbage chute and

By Karlee Farnsworth and Family

he fell out of the garbage chute and landed on a bag full of pancakes. He quickly shoved the pancakes up the chute to stall the kids and their parents.
"I've finally got them!" He mumbled under his breath as he jumped in the police car. As the man in black raced back to Sarah and Tom's house the cops tried to knock the pancakes out of the way. When they got out, they ran to the most obvious place he would go with the parents and kids running behind them as fast as they could.
Meanwhile the man in black raced to the rotten wooden door and started crawling through the vent. When he got to the upstairs hallway, he started routing through the first thing he saw, the bookcase. He suddenly stopped to get out his phone and call his boss,
"I've got them now," he said in a hushed tone so no one would hear him, in case someone was there. He hung up just as the police rushed up the stairs, grabbing his hands. As they turned him around and lifted his hat, the police recognized him and asked him what the heck he was doing here.
"I've been on this case for three years, trying to find the person who stole my grandmother's jewels. Today I was here to capture the kids' parents and bring them back to headquarters for a thorough examination and they have proved smatter then I thought." answered FBI Agent Melina Smentworth.
As the downstairs door burst open Sarah ran upstairs. The police answered her when she questioned why they hadn't handcuffed her yet. Sarah was shocked that her parents had hid this from them. Her parents burst in with Tom, while Sarah was still in shock. As the parents ran to the stairs they slipped on the oil and two minutes later they were hanging from the chandelier by their ankles. The police told Tom to stop as he ran to his parents to untie them. Tom asked why and the police told him everything. Tom was in as much shock as Sarah.
After some other FBI Agents and some more cops came, they took Tom and Sarah's parents to headquarters and examined them thoroughly." eight year old Abby Dawson said as she finished presenting her creative writing assignment for school.

By Madison Crocker and Family

From our readers:
Please find enclosed cheque for another year of Passages for 2015. Keep up the good work!
Don Thurber



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Long Island Out & About

By Brenda Teed
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Happy Easter everyone! Hope you all get to see the Easter Bunny over top of all those snow banks we have had. Maybe by the time Easter arrives the snow will either be gone or almost gone. We can only hope!

We start off by wishing Margaret Stark good wishes in her new home. Margaret has moved to Kentville to be nearer

Margaret (Thurber) Stark cuts her going away cake at the Freeport Seniors.

to medical services and other things. We will certainly miss her around the village not to mention at Seniors on Wednesday afternoons. Good luck Margaret in your new venture.

Our condolences go out to Debbie and Bruce Guier on the passing of Debbie's mother.

Bob and Pat Keagle have had a winter visit to their summer home in Tiverton recently. While they were here they were fortunate (don't know if that's a good word for it!) to experience one of our 'power outages'. Hope you arrived back in New York State safely.

Grant and Sue MacNeill arrived home to Fundy View on March 19th for a short visit. Fortunately, Lavena decided to open up On March 21st, so they managed to get in some fine dining during their visit. Weather wasn't exactly spring like...but good to see lights on at Fundy View.

March break wasn't so great for the children here although I did see some indication of downhill sliding in some spots, so perhaps it wasn't a complete waste.

Joe, Jane & Thomas Flinn of Halifax spent a few days of the March break with her father Leslie Powell. While here, Jane's mother Eunice also visited from Digby. On arriving back home they found mounds and mounds of snow around their house and a very generous neighbour who dug them out somewhat before they got there.

Vivian Cossaboom has been in hospital recently and is now with her daughter Kathy in the Truro area. Hoping you'll get back home safe and sound before too long.

We send out good wishes to Iva Guier who is waiting to undergo surgery the latter part of the month. Wishing you good vibes Iva!

Laurie Elliott has been visiting the Island recently and spent some time with his mother Linda Elliott.

The lucky people who escaped some of the snowstorms are slowly returning to reality! Upon landing at Halifax International Airport, some were finding it rather difficult to find their vehicles due to them being covered up with snow! I understand the Airport Authority handed out shovels to some as they come home!

Letitia Thimot with family and friends returned on March 18th during the snowstorm in Halifax. Every hotel at the airport was booked solid. They did not want to drive home due to the weather and road conditions, so they had to drive to Bayers Lake to find a hotel with rooms available. I have been wondering why Roger and I didn't go south for a week this year as we usually do, but hearing the horror stories about people returning makes me glad we didn't venture out!

Tony, Laurie, Matthew and Dawson Thurber have returned from two weeks in Florida where they had a stupendous time! As did a lot of the residents who went south this winter, they also came back to lots of snow covering their car! And it was blowing and blustering so bad that they couldn't drive home that evening. Laurie says now that she is home; she is planning her next trip there!

Walter and Diane Crocker, daughter Beth and Steve McCormick, and grandsons Bennie and Owen of Fall River along with granddaughter Molly MacNaughton of Digby have enjoyed a great week vacationing in New Hampshire skiing.

Alyssa Teed spent a few days in Halifax visiting with her sister Amanda who attends Mount Saint Vincent University. Unfortunately it was during one of the many snowstorms so they didn't get a whole lot of shopping done! But it was a good visit anyway.

Travis Outhouse, son of Patsy Stanton and Michael Outhouse is visiting with friends and family here on the Islands.

Parker and Sophia Moore, children of Travis and Krista

Moore, spent some of their March break visiting with their grandparents in Coldbrook, N.S.

We all want to welcome Gerald Moore home from hospital! Gerald has been in the Halifax Infirmary and the Digby hospital for a few months and is happy to be home!

Visiting in Tiverton over the March break were Fred and Pam Crouse and their daughter-in-law and grandson.

I'd like to say hello to my cousin Maxine Major at St. Vincent's Guesthouse and to all those who are down with this terrible flu that seems to keep on going.

Last month I reported that Linden Patterson was being admitted to the Birches Nursing Home in Musquodoboit Harbour. His daughter Krista messaged me that his phone number there is 902-889-8899. He would really like to hear from any of his friends!

Guess that's about all for this month. Hopefully we will all enjoy some spring weather in April. Take care everybody and don't forget to send me your news for the next month's issue!

Westport Out & About

By Julia Gaudet
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Happy Easter Everyone! Hope the Easter bunny finds you and leaves you treats of Easter eggs and chocolate bunnies. ***Easter services will be held on*** **Good Friday** (April 3rd) service at 7 pm in the Baptist vestry.

Easter Sunday (April 5th) Sunrise Service at the Baptist Vestry 6 am followed by breakfast at 6:30 am at the Church of Christ. **Easter services** are at the Church of Christ 9:15 am and at the Baptist Vestry at 11 am.

Island residents renewed their certificates for Advanced Mariner First Aid and CPR course that was held at the Westport Community Hall. A total of 50 plus people took part in this two week course.

Friends and relatives of Margaret Stark gathered on March 7th at the Westport Community Hall to shower her with good wishes, cards and gifts of money on her new adventure. Margaret has moved from Freeport to Kentville. The afternoon was spent in reminiscing old times, with friends recounting their memories of Margaret. Those gathered were treated to a song sung by Crystal McDormand called, *"I'm on My Way"* and a video of a song called, *"FRIENDS"*. Guests were asked to fill out a card entitled *"I Will Miss You Margaret, because"*. Margaret received an album containing these cards and also an album of photos taken during the day. An assortment of desserts was supplied by the ladies of the Church of Christ. Those attending were from Westport, Freeport and her son, Craig and her great grandson, Lincoln from Weymouth. Margaret, we wish you nothing but the best in your future. We will miss you but to quote a couple of lines from the song 'FRIENDS'. "We'll keep you close as always. It won't even seem you've gone. Cause our hearts in big and small ways will keep the love that keeps us strong. And friends are friends forever." Thanks to Crystal McDormand for sharing this with us.

Margaret Stark

Congratulations go out to new parents Pascale Cork and John McCullough on the arrival of their daughter Lola Zen born on March 9th.

We are happy for our friends Pat and Shelley Rodgers of Moncton N.B., who became grandparents on March 13th to a beautiful and healthy granddaughter Sage River. I'm sure Shelley is so in awe with Sage and looking forward to lots of cuddle time.

Stephen and Jenny Lombard along with their children Jeff and Stephanie enjoyed a magical adventure at Disney World in March, where they got to see and visit with Mickey Mouse and all his friends. They made a lot of fun filled family memories and took lots of pictures. Jeff says it was ***"The Best Trip Ever".*** They definitely plan to visit Mickey and friends again.

Carol Glavin of Kentville visited with her sister Vicky and Floyd Graham and dad Robert Glavin and Elda Titus for a week-end in March.

Get Well wishes and prayers go out to Patsy Guier who recently was a patient in the Kentville hospital. Happy to report she has returned to her home in Deep Brook. We wish her improved health.

Well wishes are extended to Jean and Dan Hunt of North Carolina. Sending positive thoughts for improved health to two special friends.

I hope all the school kids and teachers enjoyed their March Break. Of course we never get through the break without having a storm which arrived on the 18th with minus temperatures, strong WNW winds and gusts of 92kms reported for Brier Island. There were lots of fallen and drifting snow and power outage for seven hours. Once

again we had to depend on our generators, wood heat or kerosene heaters for those that were fortunate to have these for backup.

Spending their March Break on the island were Penny Graham's three granddaughters Temeka, Danaka and Sykora of Amherst.

Kendra and Shannon Stanton of Lawrencetown spent their break with grandparents Linda and Clifton Moore.

Enjoying time with her grandmother Pat Moore during part of her break was Hallie Moore of Yarmouth.

Sam McDormand of Weymouth spent a few days during March break visiting with his grandparents Jim and Crystal and his great grandmother, Alva.

Laura Titus sent in this write up on her mom's winter vacation with family. In February Cindy Titus was treated with a two week visit to Hong Kong, staying at the home

Cindy Titus and daughter-in-law Bridget at the Murray House in Hong Kong

of son Shane and his wife Bridget Titus and their baby, Siena. Highlights of the vacation, besides of course the time spent with family, were the Chinese New Year celebrations and fireworks, sightseeing, exploring old colonial hotels, strolling through Stanley Village and its waterfront and a day at Pok Fu Lam Village, which is the last remaining indigenous community in Hong Kong. An unexpected occurrence was when Cindy spotted someone on a street and recognized them. Sure enough, it was a fellow Canadian Rotary group member. Upon departing Hong Kong Cindy traveled to Medicine Hat, Alberta where she enjoyed nearly a two week stay with daughter Ashley Patterson, son in law Jared Patterson and grandchildren Ella, Landon and Weston. While there she went to a meeting of the Medicine Hat Rotary Club, where another Nova Scotian happened to be in attendance. Cindy and Ella attended the live show PIAF by the Atlantic Theatre Ballet and she accompanied Ella and Landon to their rock climbing club, as well as took in Landon's piano practice. During the visit it was Weston's 2nd birthday so

Weston Patterson admiring his train birthday cake that his grandmother Cindy made for him.

Cindy was there for his party and made him a special train birthday cake. Cindy is now looking forward to everyone visiting Brier Island this summer!

The Westport Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their Annual Spring Fling on April 18th at the Westport fire hall starting at 12 p.m. Join us to celebrate the long awaited spring season! Look in Passages for more details.

Plans for Canada Day/Old Home Week are under way and will kick off July 1st - 4th. Check out Passages for more details.

A Spring Family Fun Day is planned for May 2nd at the Brier Wood Farm (Vicky Graham's).This event will be held from 1:15 -3:15 p.m. Come out and celebrate spring with family and friends.

The Westport Fire Department will be starting their monthly breakfast on April 11th at the fire hall, start time 7-10 a.m. Come out and support the WFD.

Donna Morrissey, international award winning author, returns to Brier Island on Saturday, June 6th with another of her entertaining and encouraging workshops. This day is for anyone interested in writing and finding

their hidden talents. To register for the workshop email donnamorrissey@ns.sympatico.ca or leave message for Donna at: 902 425-1120

Get Well wishes for improved health are extended to Alva McDormand who was a patient at the Digby General Hospital recently. Take care Alva and hope to see you back out in the community soon.

On March 16th, Riekie and Raymond Robicheau spent the afternoon with the Westport Super Seniors where they were treated to a lovely cake in honor of their 69th, Wedding Anniversary. Best Wishes from all your Family!

The Westport Fire Department held a benefit supper on March 21st for Heather Gass, Scott Maston and baby Duncan. The event was a success with a good attendance. It's nice to see so many islanders come out to show their generous support during this time of need. Wishes for comfort and strength are extended to Heather and prayers for renewed wellness and health.

A Princess Party was held at the home of Sophie Norwood to celebrate her 3rd Birthday on March 24th. It was an afternoon of fun games and yummy treats enjoyed by all those who attended to help Sophie celebrate her special day. Sophie is the daughter of Marlene and Dan Norwood.

Well, I made it through my first year as Westport's oversea correspondent. Thanks to those that have called and e-mailed me with their news the past year.

Don't forget to send in your news for May.

Westport Library Events

Spring Fling Fun

Saturday, April 18, 12 p.m.

Westport library will have a table at the Westport Spring Fling at the Westport Fire Hall, offering all ages a chance to create funtastic flower crafts and enjoy springtime stories.

Crayon Re-creation

Wednesday, April 22, 3:15 to 5 p.m.

In celebration of Earth Day, all ages can make new Crayons out of old Crayons with the Crayola Crayon Maker.

Tablet Training: Connecting older adults with mobile technology

Tuesday, May 19, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Older adults can book one-hour training sessions on Apple and Google Android tablets starting at 10:30 a.m. with the last session at 2:30 p.m. Book a session by contacting the library.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Chris and Lisa Titus would like to congratulate their daughter Bella on her hard work and dedication this past year. Bella had been skating out of the Digby club for six years and decided last year to move to the Greenwood club to compete. This year she has competed at the star skate level 2 and won a Silver medal at the Rob McCall Memorial at the Dartmouth Sportsplex and won Gold at the 2015 Skate Canada/Nova Scotia Starskate Championships in Liverpool. On March 8th Bella passed her preliminary Freeskate and skills test as well as her three preliminary dances. She will now start spring skate at level 3 and work on her Jr. Bronze.

Community Corner

By Andy Moir

There are many volunteer organizations doing a lot of good work on our Islands. We'd like to hear from them all...what you are up to, what you've done in the past year, what your plans are for the coming year.

All too often many volunteer efforts go unrecognized. In some cases, people may not know what your organization is doing, or that it even exists.

Writing a short article might help attract volunteers to help with your organization.

I'm going to start with a short article about the FCDA... the Freeport Community Development Association.

First off, the FCDA publishes this newsletter, Passages. It comes out once a month, and is supported entirely by volunteers and paid for by subscriptions, sponsors and our readers who pick it up at the local stores. We've been publishing Passages for over 16 years. Thanks to everyone on the Islands for supporting it, and making it possible.

The money raised by Passages all goes back into the community. We have created trails and look-offs on the 14-acre piece of land we own overlooking the Bay of Fundy.

We own the Lent House, which we lease to the Islands Historical Society at cost, to help preserve our heritage.

Our Development Centre is used by many community groups for various activities and meetings. It is available for a very minimal or no charge (to help pay the heating bill).

In addition, the FCDA makes contributions to various community groups and projects. We support the "Me to We" program; every year we make a financial contribution to a group of students to clean up our roads; we help pay for the construction debris dumpster that is located in Tiverton. We give financial support to the Bird Contest; we have helped out many individuals who have been fundraising for particular causes.

We also work on projects with many other organizations. One we are working on now involves improving the approaches to the ferry terminals. This year we are applying for funding to make the East Ferry terminal a more inviting, informative place to wait before coming onto the Islands.

FCDA volunteers also play an active role in Freeport Days. Last year they organized the parade and children's activities at the ball park.

Speaking of the ball park: The FCDA took over ownership of that piece of property a couple of years back. We now insure it, and pay to have it mowed so that it can be used by whoever wants to make use of the field.

We have also been involved in writing letters to politicians on issues of concern to everyone on the Islands: health care, policing, tourism, plowing.

We also play an active role in economic development on the Islands. A recent example is working with our Municipal Councillor, David Tudor, and Mainland Telecom to bring in a new high-speed internet service. We have used our facilities frequently to host outside organizations and business who are interested in what is happening on our Islands.

We're always looking for volunteers: to help with trails, or work on Passages, or to help with many of the other projects that need doing. We meet once a month (third Wednesday of the month) at the Development Centre. But you certainly don't have to come to a meeting to help out. If you'd like more information, please call one of our members, Brenda Teed, Jenny Gillis, Pam Green, and Andy Moir are all members of the executive. hey'd love to hear from you.

(Editor's note: Passages would be pleased to publish regular updates from other organizations on the Islands. Everyone would like to know what you are up to and perhaps how they could help. Send your articles and pictures to 1passages@gmail.com)

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Please Stop Littering!

By Julia Gaudet

On March 8th, Danny and I took an afternoon drive to Western Light and came across scattered bags of household garbage that had been tossed on the Nature Conservancy land and left for the seagulls and crows to pick through.

What we can't understand is why anyone would take the time and effort to cart their garbage off to areas on the island and toss it when all they have to do is walk to the end of their driveway and place it for pick up on regular garbage day that is paid for by our tax dollars.

Come on people, show respect for your island. We all know how harmful and irresponsible it is to litter, whether it's on our beautiful islands or elsewhere.

We are fortunate to use and enjoy the Nature Conservancy land. Let's help to keep it that way!
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Pte. Kelly was killed in action during the Battle for Ortona, Italy in 1944.

RCL # 92 News

Saturday, April 4th ~ Barney Outhouse Memorial Pool Tournament
Bar open, Chili and light snacks.

Saturday April 18th ~ General Meeting 2 p.m.

Saturday April 25th ~ 36th Annual Invitational Dart Tournament
*Breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m.
* Darts starts at 9 a.m.
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Obituaries

Farnsworth, Kimberly Ann, 54. It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Kimberly Ann Farnsworth at the R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home on March 10, 2015. Born in Digby, she was a daughter of Myrna (Gosson) and the late Lew Farnsworth and foster daughter of Velma and David Hebb of Antigonish. For some time, Kim resided in Dartmouth and worked at the Adult Service Centre (DASC). For the past 18 years, Kim has been employed at CACL in Antigonish and volunteered at The Opportunity Shop. Kim was involved with Special Olympics, winning gold and bronze medals. She loved her time with the StFX Drama Club, taking part in plays. Kim was also a participant in the Best Buddy program at StFX University. Kim shared her beautiful smile and warm loving personality with all who knew her. Besides her mother and foster parents, she is survived by her sister Kelly Merritt (Brian), niece Lyndi; and nephews Logan and Lucus; foster sisters Sandra, Karen, and Courtney; and foster brothers Peter, Michael, and Tucker.

Cremation has taken place. Burial will be in Digby at a later date. In Memoriam donations may be made to St. Martha's Regional Hospital Foundation (Palliative Care), R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home Foundation, the Antigonish Branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses, or CACL Workshop Antigonish. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the C.L. Curry Funeral Home, Antigonish. Online condolences: www.clcurry.com

"Sing and dance, my beautiful butterfly."

Spinney-Macdonald Alma Lois, age 83 of Tidalview Terrace Digby, NS died March 7, 2015 at Tidal View Terrace. Born July 24, 1931 at Briar Island NS, she was the daughter of the late Emerson and Susie (Griffith) Titus. Alma was a school teacher, post mistress at the Lower Argyle Post Office, and she also worked at the Genu Moss Plant. She is survived by her son, Calvin (Seretha) Spinney of Lower Coverdale, NB; brothers, Glendon (Lillian) Titus of Digby NS; Wayne (Judy) Titus of Aylsford; sisters, Ruth Gowers of Clementsport NS, Shirley Titus of Canning, NS; two grandchildren, Patrick and Michelle Spinney, two great grandchildren, Noah and Hailey Spinney, numerous nieces and nephews; and special friend, Obed Parker. She was predeceased by her first husband, Calvin Spinney; second, Walter Comeau; third husband, Russell Macdonald; brother, Rodney Titus; and sister, Pauline Lowe. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Sweeny's Funeral Home and Crematorium, Yarmouth. A Memorial service was held on Wednesday March 11th, with Rev. Robert Baker officiating. Spring burial will be in the Lower Argyle Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Nova Scotia Alzheimers Association. On-line condolences may be sent to: sweenysfh@eastlink.ca or you may sign the guestbook on-line at: www.sweenysfuneralhome.net

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Carey H. McLendon

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NORWAY — Carey H. McLendon, 77, of South Paris passed away Thursday, Feb. 5, at Stephens Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Atlanta, Ga., on Oct. 1, 1937, the daughter of Irvin O. and Frances Shiver Hagan. She was an alumni of Sylvan High School and attended Bessie Tift College.

She married James A. McLendon on Dec. 11, 1973.

Carey had been employed as a travel agent for Travel Wise Tours in South Paris and Dube Travel in Lewiston.

She enjoyed painting and was a member of various art clubs in Maine and Florida. She was very active with her church.

Carey was known as "Mimi" by her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of South Paris; son, Andrew Thomas and his wife, Kimberlie, of Jamestown, Ind., and grandchildren, Noah Andrew and Sarah Marie; daughter, Betsy Rivero and husband, Orlando, of Davenport, Fla., and grandchildren, James Lee, Christopher Mark and Lauren Elizabeth; son, James Stanley and his companion, Elyssa, of Hartford and grandchildren, Kyle, Alec and Dustin; daughter-in-law, Pamela McLendon of South Paris; son, Thomas Andrew and his partner, Louis Page, of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; two great-grandchildren, Avery Colby McLendon and Charlie Bell Sims; a sister, Doris Elaine of Inverness, Fla.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by a grandson, Colby McLendon.

Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

McLENDON — Carey H., 77, of South Paris passed away Thursday, Feb. 5, at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Skeetfield Road in Oxford. Family and friends may attend visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will be in the spring at the Maine Veterans Cemetery in Augusta. Donations in her memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 51 U. S. Route 1, Suite M, Scarborough, ME 04074. Arrangements are under the care of **Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service**, 45 Main St., South Paris.

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We would like to thank the Freeport Fire Dept for having the benefit for Gerald, as well as everyone who worked, cooked and attended the benefit. Thank you for all the cards, prayers and visits while Gerald was a patient at the Halifax Infirmary and since his return to Digby Hospital. We are truly blessed to live where we live.

Many thanks,
Gerald and Mary Moore

Thank You

Thank you! A BIG thank you to all who volunteered their time in giving a hand for the recent benefit we held for Heather Gass. To those who attended and to those who gave freely. Thanks once again for your support. To Heather we wish you a speedy recovery. We are looking forward to seeing Scott, Heather and Duncan back in our community.

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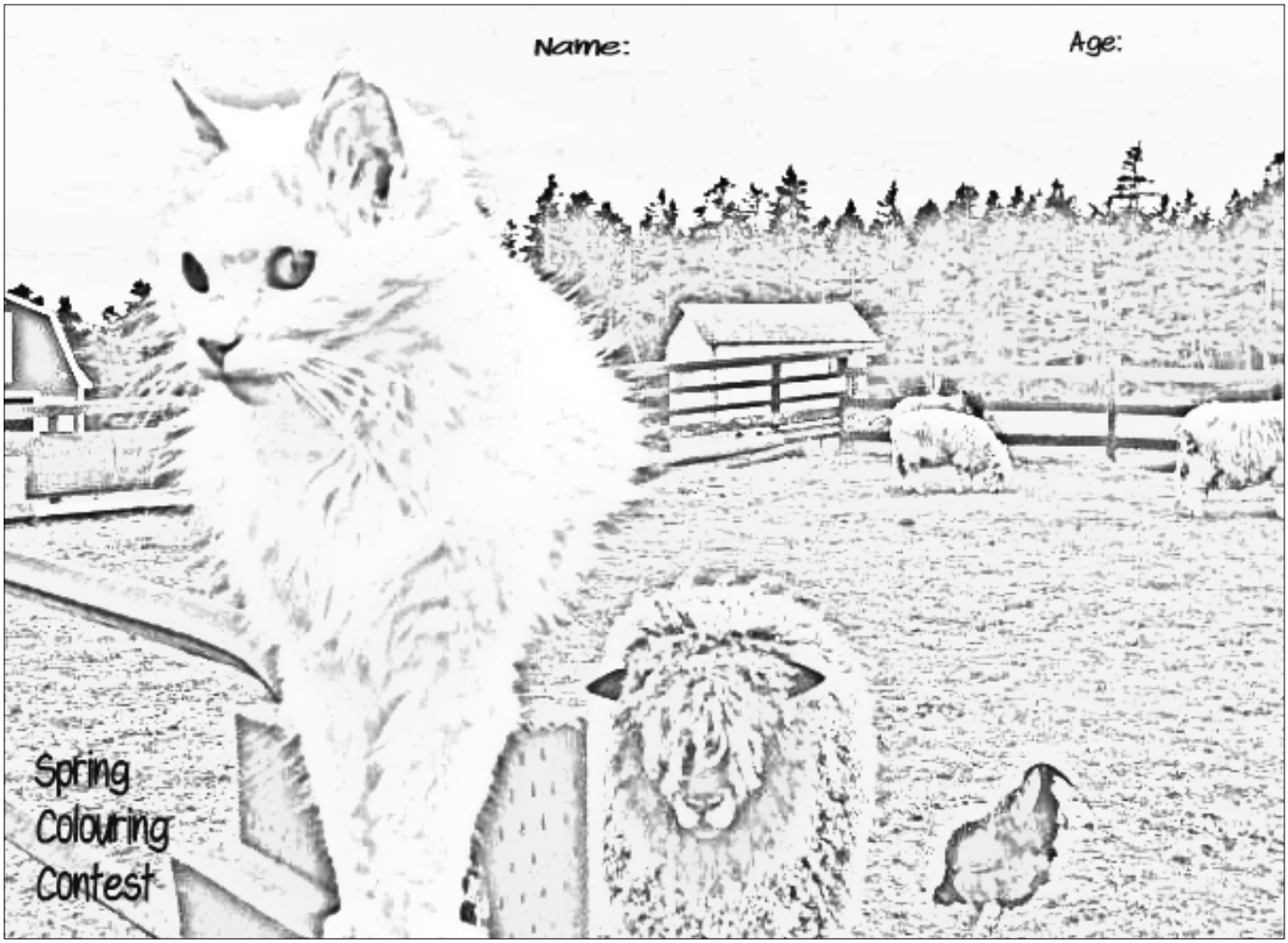

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