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Peters Island Light needs help...but it's in better shape than originally thought

Recent visitors to Peters Island lighthouse discovered a leaking roof, and serious rotting shingles covered with moss

By Laura Titus

The SAIL² (Save An Island Lighthouse) committee was created to represent two lighthouses at Brier Island that are designated by government to be excess to capacity and no longer maintained. These are Brier Island Light & Alarm (also known as Western Light) and Peters Island Lighthouse. To ensure their survival as marine beacons the recently created SAIL² group is seeking to acquire guardianship of the properties. With support from the Municipality of Digby, who will hold ownership of the lighthouses, and the volunteer work of the SAIL² board of directors, this may soon take place. The Islands Historical Society is the overhead organization for SAIL², enabling financial contributors to receive tax receipts and is able to easily provide legal needs, such as liability insurance.

An online contest was recently held by the National Trust for Canada, called This Lighthouse Matters, with three levels of monetary prizes. Although neither Peters Island nor Western Light won they did receive good publicity and some money was donated on the site.

In July a few members of the committee along with councilor David Tudor, Jeff Sunderland from the Municipality of Digby, a general contractor and a member of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans went to Peters Island. This was a visit to assess the state of the lighthouse, both inside and out, at which it appeared to be in better condition than had been thought. The two most urgent issues are a hole in the ceiling/lantern room floor and the rotted, moss laden

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Welcome home Alfred

Wasn't it a Party: Some good times at the Legion

Freeport Fire Department gets new pumper

By Helen Teed

A huge group of members were on hand to greet their newest member of their fleet. Freeport Fire Department took possession of their new Pumper from Waterville FD on July 11th. Chief Wayne Johnstone and DC Rafuse were part of the crew that delivered the truck and in turn received a Lobster Chowder dinner prepared by Roger Thomas and Freeport FD members. We were very happy and emotional that Gerald was able to be there to also welcome the new truck. This truck was spoken for a few years ago while Gerald was Chief and he is pleased we finally have it!

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

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

Deadline for submissions for the September issue is August 25th.

Lighthouse...from Page 1

exterior shingles. Transport to Peters Island was provided by Brier Island Whale & Seabird Cruises, on board their zodiac captained by Jamie Swift. It was a first ever visit to Peters Island for the majority who went.

SAIL² meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Westport Community Hall, unless otherwise posted. All are welcome. On the internet there is a SAIL²: Save An Island Lighthouse Facebook group. Many interesting pictures of the lighthouses have been shared on this site. A number of great fundraising and promotional ideas have been planned and discussed and if anyone has any thoughts or suggestions please post them to the Facebook page or send to:

SAIL²: Save An Island Lighthouse
PO Box 1213
Westport, Brier Island
NS B0V 1H0

Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so by making cheque payable to Islands Historical Society and noting that it is for SAIL². 100% of these donations will go directly to the lighthouses and you can even designate it for one or both lighthouses.

Freeport Days Schedule

Thursday, August 13th, 2015
7:00 pm – Old Time Fashion Show – The Legion
Friday, August 14th, 2015
2:00pm – Poker Walk – Freeport Fire Hall
3:00 pm – Exploring Valley Cemetery - Warner House $10/pp
3:00 – 4:00pm - Scavenger Hunt – Freeport Fire Hall
7:00pm – Merchandise Bingo – Freeport Fire Hall
Saturday, August 15th, 2015
10:00 am – Kids Games – Freeport Ball Field
11:00 am – BBQ – Freeport Fire Hall
12:00 noon – Lobster Chowder and Rolls – Freeport Fire Hall
2:00 pm – Grand Street Parade
2:30 – 4:30 pm – Music & Entertainment – Freeport Fire Hall
3:00 pm – Architectural Tour of the Warner House
5:00 pm – Pig Roast – Freeport Fire Hall
9:00 pm – Legion Dance
Sunday, August 16th, 2015
7:45 – 10:00 am Fireman's Breakfast – Freeport Fire Hall
11:00 am – Freeport Church Service
1:00 pm Parade of Boats – Northeast Cove & Grand Passage
3:45 pm – Mud Flat Tour – Warner House

The Freeport Fire Department thanks you for your support!

Welcome home Alfred

Great to see Alfred out and about on the Islands again, after eight weeks of being away Monday through Friday for cancer treatment in Halifax. He arrived back from his treatment with a Certificate from the staff at the hospital recognizing "Big Al" Cann as the "World's Best Patient". We all bet he was.

Parade Participants Needed!

The Freeport Days Parade is coming soon - Saturday, August 15th at 2:00.

The theme this year is **"Proud to be…."** For instance, proud to be on a team, a mother, a son, a volunteer, a pet owner, farmer, fisherman, in physical shape and so on. We are looking for bicyclist, floats, motorcycles, walkers with signs or anything you are proud of or enjoy doing. Come and join in on the fun!

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1st- $125
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2nd - $50

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1st -$50
2nd- $25

Kids Choice
$1st -$75
2nd- $25

Tiverton Firemen's Breakfast
Tiverton Community Hall
August 2nd 8-10:30 am
Freewill Offering

Westport Firemen's Breakfast
August 8th
7 am to 10 am

95 and going strong...Happy Birthday Vivian

Happy Birthday wishes to Vivian Cossaboom who had her 95th birthday on July 3rd, 2015. A delicious birthday meal surrounded by family was enjoyed at Lavena's Catch that night.

On Saturday, July 4th a very successful Open House celebrating Vivian's 95th birthday was held at the Community Hall in Tiverton from 1-4 pm. Refreshments were provided by the ladies of the Fire Department who did an excellent job. A special birthday cake was made by Cory Breazeau. It was made in the shape of a book depicting Vivian's timeline. It was made with three different flavoured cakes combined and covered in fondant. It was adorned in beautiful mint flavoured daisies and opened to page 34,703 the number of days since Vivian was born.

Amongst the many visitors Vivian received she was especially happy to have her brother Darrell Wagner (Eileen) of Riverdale, N.S. and sisters Reta Thurber and Myrtle (George) Theriault of Digby attend. July 4th was also the birthday of her sister Melba in Ontario, who celebrated her 99th birthday. The youngest party goer was Viv's first great granddaughter Kenzie Vivian Lee Schrader, just 2 days old, born on July 2, 2015.

Ken MacKenzie of Springhill and Lou Outhouse from Riverdale, N.S. sang songs special to her heart. A huge thank you to both of them.

Vivian and Kenzie Vivian Lee Schrader

Relatives and friends visiting the Island for her birthday were Jim Silver (grandson of Melboune Cossaboom from Cleveland, Ohio, Ken and Sue MacKenzie, Springhill, NS, Borden and Jean Schrader, Bridgewater, N.S. And Elwood Cleary, Antigonish, N.S. who were guests at Keith and Kathy Best's residence. Residing at the summer home of Pat and Terry Jones, were Gary & Marilyn Harding, Guelph, Ontario, Helen Buck, Courtney, B.C., Eric Rector, Moncton, N.B, and Tiffany Jones, P.E.I. Visiting with Jodi Cossaboom was Angela Myers of Moncton, N.B.

Vivian wants to thank everyone who attended this special event and for all of the cards and gifts.

Visitors at the home of Vivian Cossaboom on Sunday, July 5th was Kathy and Byron Schrader of Bridgewater.

Brier Island Open House

Friday, August 28, 2015
Westport Community Hall

Starting at 6 pm - Enjoy a free BBQ hosted by NCC and organized by the
Westport Ladies Auxiliary.
7 pm - Researcher Kate Schlepr will talk about her work with gulls on Brier island this summer
Nick Hill and partners working on the Big Meadow Bog project will talk about this year`s work and next steps towards restoration to help with the conservation and recovery of Eastern Moutain Avens
Participation and input from the community is desired and encouraged!

After the open House enjoy a Bug Walk
Show and Tell at Pond Cove
Saturday, August 29 volunteers are welcome to help with trail maintenance and beach and pond clean-up at Pond Cove. Please pre-register to ensure we include a complimentary lunch for you on the Westport deck!
Please register at: www.conservationvolunteers.ca
For more information contact: Doug van Hemesson
Toll free 866-319-5985 or
doug.vanhemessen@natureconservancy.ca

THE SOCIETY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT AND SARAH OUTHOUSE HOLDS ANNUAL REUNION AND LOYALIST FLAG DEDICATION IN PLEASANT HILL CEMETERY, TIVERTON

On July 17 and 18, 2015 the Society of the Descendants of Robert and Sarah Outhouse held its annual reunion at the Community Hall in Tiverton, NS.

The Society has attempted to include historical information as part of its reunions for the last several years. In this way we have been able to educate family members as well as others living on the Islands about the lives of our ancestors who lived and worked here in the past. The theme of this year's reunion concerned the Loyalist background of Robert and Sarah Outhouse. An integral part of the reunion was the formal dedication of the Loyalist Flag which has been flying beneath the Canadian flag in Pleasant Hill Cemetery since May 14, 2015. The flag was purchased and installed by the Society.

Dorothy Tidd lays a bouquet of wild flowers at cairn for Robert and Sarah Outhouse

At a meet and greet held on the evening of July 17, family members were able to look at photos of the initial flag raising as well as photos of different stages of work on the old Outhouse section of the cemetery. This is an on-going project begun by the Society two years ago. The cleaning and restoration of the oldest stones, many of which are broken or knocked over, as well as the creation of a quiet place of reflection and genealogical research are all part of the work in progress.

On Saturday, July 18 and after a lovely Continental breakfast and Annual General Meeting, we introduced our guest speaker, Carol Harding, U.E. who is the genealogist for the Nova Scotia Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. Her informative talk was open to the general public. She not only told of Robert and Sarah's Loyalist background but gave an in-depth talk about the Loyalists' forced departure from the Northeast United States where most of the "expelled" families came to New Brunswick (then part of Nova Scotia) and Nova Scotia. Robert and his family arrived in Digby in 1783 from New York and Robert settled on Long Island in 1785 with his bride, Sarah Caldwell Outhouse. Tiverton was then known as Petite Passage. Ms. Harding recounted the many hardships all Loyalists encountered when arriving in a new land as well as their progress in making a successful and happy life in a new and foreign land.

Upon completing her presentation, Ms. Harding and many others including a number of visiting dignitaries went to the cemetery to hold the dedication service. Rev. Rick Small conducted the service. In addition to Society Board members, family members and other interested parties, the following invited guests participated in the service: Mr. Gordon Wilson, MLA and his wife; Ms. Linda Gregory, Warden for the Municipality of Digby; Mr. David Tudor, Councilor, and Mr. Kendall Crocker and Mr. Richie Crocker, Tiverton Commissioners. The service included a congregational singing of the Loyalist Hymn and concluded with a reading of the Loyalist Prayer by Rev. Small.

The day ended with a delicious potluck lunch held at the Community Hall.

A few days previous to the reunion Phlis McGregor, a well-known CBC radio reporter, traveled to Tiverton to interview Society Chair, Genie Wilkins and Secretrary, Lois Oliver. The interview took place in Pleasant Hill Cemetery and was aired on July 16 at 6:15 a.m.

Some of the many people gathered at Pleasant Hill Cemetery July 18th for the reunion's Loyalist Flag Dedication

Lois Oliver sits on bench donated to the cemetery by her mother Vivian St.Clair in memory of Vivian's husband Winston.

Reverend Rick Small performed the Dedication Service

Special guests...David Tudor, Councillor, Linda Gregory Warden and Gordon Wilson MLA. Richie Crocker and Kendall Crocker, Tiverton Village Commissioners also attended. Greg Kerr our MP sent greetings to be read at the service

A work in progress

A number of old stones at Pleasant Hill Cemetery have fallen and are broken.

This stone of Cecilia Outhouse was in bad shape and had been embedded in cement. The grave has sunk badly.

A protective hemlock crib has been placed around Cecilia's gravestone. The crib will weather. More gravel will be added under the gravestone. The gravel will be sloped to promote drainage of acid rain from the gravestone.

Our plan is to continue to protect the remaining fallen and broken stones in a similar fashion

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Westport Out & About

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Hello Readers!...here we are into another month already!...seems like I just sent in my column and it's time for another one. Doing passages sure makes the months fly by.

Olde Home Week events took place from July 1st-3rd.The weather was perfect for all the events and it was nice to see so many former islanders home to take in the celebrations and extend their visit with family and friends. The week-end ended with the annual community BBQ and potluck held at Robicheau's store parking lot. The Westport Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who came out to support the festivities and to those who volunteered their time; without your help we would not be able to have this annual event.

Pat and Donnie Welch have been back on the island spending time at their home on Wellington St, along with their son Keith, daughter in-law Natalie and grandson Brayden of Ottawa, also visiting later in the month was their daughter Norma, son in-law Dominic and grandson Jack of Ontario.

Vistors at the home of Pat Moore during July have been Terry and Beth Glavin, Debbie and daughter Stephanie Baldwin (Terry & Debbie are the children of the late Weldon & Lorna Glavin) of Ottawa, Donnie and daughter Taylor Moore of Cold Lake, Alberta along with Donnie's daughters Abby, Casey& Summer Whynot of Nictaux. Treena Cottreu and Albert and children Hillie, Steven& Isaac Moore of Yarmouth. Dave Howell of East Ferry; Erma Harris of Norwood and Carol Alexander of Yarmouth; Brenda Morehouse and son Evan and Rolf Bauman and sons Tristan and Willum of Ottawa; Allen Smith of Weymouth. Also stopping by for a visit during July was Gary Glavin and Anne Blanchette of Ottawa.

It was a busy time for Rikki and Ralph Clements and Raymond and Riekie Robicheau with family and friends visiting. Rikki's daughter Jennifer and Mike Aucoin along with granddaughter Danica Kate were home from Bradford Ontario, also visiting were Gils and Marie Aucoin from Cheticamp,Cape Breton. Stopping by for a visit was Sharon King of Yarmouth and Linda Patterson from PEI. Also niece Letisha Joys and husband Noah and son Xander from British Columbia were staying at Ruth Ellen's seasonal home along with sister Robyn and mom Judy from Kentville. Also visiting from Dartmouth was Amera and Jeff Goodspeed and their grandson Ty. John andVinola Robicheau of Kentville were home during the Olde Home week celebrations.

Lisa Tudor and daughter Willow from NWT along with her son Balin from BC have been visiting with family and staying at the Brier Island lodge. Balin is working at the lodge this summer and will be attending University in Halifax this fall.

Also home visiting with parents Raymond and Riekie Robicheau was Janet Colwell from Quispamis along with daughter Dr. Emily Rose and Ryan Melanson of New Brunswick. During their visit they were making plans for their summer wedding on Brier Island in 2016. Congratulations to the Happy couple.

Visiting the island for the Canada Day festivities and catching up with family and friends was Joy(Delsey)and Vince Stuart of Meteghan.

Nice to see Melissa Graham home from Calgary visiting with her parents Mary and Howard Graham as well as Logan Swift also visiting from Alberta with his parents Lisa and Mitchell Swift.

Ben deVries is back on the island visiting for the summer months with parents Joyce and Wally. Ben has been living in Holland for the past year were he has been attending college.

Hello world my name is *Vaida Mae Titus*
I was born on June 26th at Valley Regional Hospital
Weighing 7lbs 15.4 oz and 49cm long
My proud parents are Cody Titus & Josie Manzer
My grandparents are Clifton & LaReta Titus and Lavern & Jarrid Manzer

It's a GIRL!
Congratulations to proud parents Josie Manzer and Cody Titus who welcomed their daughter Vaida Mae to the world on June 25th.

The annual washer tournament took place in Carol Pugh's field on June 27, hosted by Tommy and Kelly Albright. A great turnout and a fun afternoon was enjoyed by all who took part in the tournament. Congratulations to the winners. Cory Thurber 1st place, Albert Moore 2nd, T.J Albright 3rd, and Sean McDormand 4th. Janis Albright won the boobie prize for the least points.

All the best to Courtney Welch and Felicia Frost who are in Calgary working at the Emerald Lake Lodge. From the photos that Courtney keeps posting on FB for all her family and friends to see looks like a beautiful place to visit as

well to work there.

It is with great sadness that I report that Gregory Elliott 'The Duck' passed away on July 3rd.Deepest sympathy is extended to the Elliott family and friends. Greg is now in the Hands of the Lord and will be forever missed by all those who knew him.

The Fundy Region Ladies(Rug Hookers) held their monthly meeting at Brier Wood Farm on July 8th. All the ladies enjoyed the comfort of Victoria's home and visiting with all her farm friends.

We would like to welcome to the community Andrew Albright and Shelbie Campbell and their daughter Chloe who have moved from Freeport and taken up residence on Water St. and also to our friends Laure and Torre Hansson of Ottawa who purchased their summer home three years ago on Pugh Lane are now making it their permanent home. Enjoy Island life Laure & Torre!.

Former Island girls Lana (Titus)Leighton of Digby and Deborah(Titus) Josey of Halifax and husband Shawn ,son Devon, Jenesta Ingram and grandson Max spent a week-end visiting with family and friends, filling up on lots of seafood, mom's (Elda Titus) egg tarts and enjoying a fun family time on Brier Island.

Visiting for a few weeks during the summer months with Cindy and Lindsay Titus are daughter Ashley, son in-law Jared, grandchildren Ella, Landon and Weston Patterson of Medicine Hat,Alberta along with their son Shane, daughter in-law Bridget and granddaughter Siena of Hong Kong. While here they have been busy catching up with family and friends.

Visiting with her mom Caroline Norwood and friends was Charlotte Conley and daughter Clover of Maine.

Visiting and staying at the Dock & Doze for a few weeks in July was Roxanne Prime and companion Geo of Belleville, Ontario. A full agenda of time spent with family & friends, whale watching, and enjoying time with her grandson Jayden was enjoyed during their vacation on Long and Brier Island.

Vicky and Floyd Graham spent a couple of days visiting with their son Jesse, Lacie Smith and twin grandsons Lucas and Austin in Yarmouth. During their visit they took in some of the Sea Fest events taking place on the Yarmouth waterfront.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Dianne Outhouse of Tiverton and family on the passing of her husband Laurence on July 23rd.Laurence will truly be missed in the community.

Don't forget the Westport Firemens' Breakfast on August 8th from 7-10 am.

Remember if you have any news you would like to share call or e-mail me.

Enjoy your month of August.

Happy 65th Anniversary

Leonard & Rowena cut the cake while sons Stephen, Rusty and Rick watch on

It was a picture perfect day on July 10, 2015. It had been decided that that would be a great day for an anniversary party – outside! And so it was. Leonard and Rowena Small celebrated 65 years of wedded bliss on the 8th of July (Wednesday) but the party was scheduled for Friday. Just as well – Wednesday was drizzly and wet!

It is hard to believe that two people get married, have three handsome successful boys, and the children of those boys have children of their own and it ends up being a big family! And as Rowena said, "Me an only child didn't have a clue how to change a diaper or even hold a baby!" But she sure learned fast!!

The party was held at their son Stephen's summer cottage on Mac's Point Road. The view from their front yard is fabulous at anytime but that day it was even better, the ferry plying back and forth between the mainland and the Island, and the sun sparkling on the water. The food just kept coming – from barbequed hotdogs and sausages, to green salads, potato salad, roast turkey, sweet breads, and too much more to remember! And of course, the Anniversary Cake!

Those in attendance were Rick's family – Stephanie, Matthew and Adam and their children; Rusty's family Natalie, Bradley and Tiffany – (Timothy was unable to make it) and their families; and Stephen's family Allison, Kristen and Stephen Jr. and their families. So it was a great gathering with family as well as with friends and neighbours!

Our congratulations to Leonard and Rowena from all of us at ***Passages*** and hopefully many, many more happy anniversaries!

Out and About on Long Island

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Natal Day is nearly upon us – another long weekend for those who are still working! Happy Natal Day everyone!

Beverley Roebuk and Kim Pitts, daughters of Linda Elliott visited with her in July to celebrate their mother's birthday.

Russell and Laura Scott are visiting at their summer place and have had Emily and Rich and their three grandchildren visiting also.

Linda Elliott travelled to Dartmouth recently to visit with her daughters Bev and Kim and her son Laurie and his finance Tatiana who live in Halifax.

Visiting Barbara Perry on July 5th. was her daughter Heather Leclerc, her husband Marc and son Evan. of Rapids-des- Joachims, Quebec. Also visiting the week of the 19th was her daughter Judy Perry and her friend Sean Hefferman and his three children Ryan, Ciara & Aisling. all from Ottawa.

Karl Perry of Saint John, N.B. visited with his mother Muriel Bates and Malcolm for a few days recently.

Joe, Jane and Thomas Flinn visited with their family during the month.

Record number of visitors for David & Judy Teed during the month of June & July --- June started with relatives who visited while staying at Fundy House. They were Debbie Balwin (Ottawa, Ont.), her daughter Stephanie (Montreal, Que.), along with Debbie's brother Terry Glavin and his wife Beth (Ottawa, Ont.). The month of July started with overnight relatives Alanna Teed (Richmond, Ont.) and her children Nora and Avery, (July 2 – July 3). The day Alanna left was a surprise overnight visit from Judy's daughter Lisa Haines and Mike Fleet (Greenwood, N.S.), along with grandsons, Travis and Brandon, (July 3 – 4). On the day they left, long-time friends, Joyce Buckler and Vern Iverson (Oshawa, Ont.) arrived with truck camper and occupied their permanent reserved campsite in their driveway, (July 4 – July 11). An enjoyable full week was spent as they reminisced about old times. Several visits to the coffee club at Lavena's Café and a few meals there were enjoyed by all. While Joyce and Vern were still there, David's daughter Debbie and Jeff Borth (Bluffton, SC), along with grandson Hayden arrived, (July 10 – July 18). A very enjoyable week followed. Half way through their visit, David's son Michael and Jennifer Teed (Acworth, Ga.), along with grandson Samuel and granddaughter Riley arrived, (July 15 – July 20). While Debbie and Michael were there, Judy's son Darren Haines and grandson Ben, along with Donna Neville and her son Colby (Greenwood, NS) made an overnight visit and camped in their back yard, (July 17 – July 18). July was a very busy month for the Teed's, full of excitement, laughter and good times. Also visiting were Gary Glavin and Anne Blanchette of Ottawa. David and Judy loved and enjoyed every minute of their company. Who will the month of August bring?

Home delivery
Brenda drops Passages off to Maxine Major

The Outhouse Reunion took place during the month of July and by all accounts it was a successful reunion. More information elsewhere in this issue.

Murray and Barb Haight from Elkford B.C. were the recent guests of Rodney and Leta Stark. While here they got to visit with friends and relatives they have not seen for years. They were also able to enjoy lots of local seafood, got out whale watching and did some sightseeing.

Alger and Gail Sollows and granddaughter Lauren Sollows have enjoyed a wonderful visit with their daughter Shelley and her finance Doug in Edmonton and other parts of Alberta.

Sorry to report that Vivian Cossaboom had the misfortune to break her foot recently and consequently is in a private nursing home in the Truro area awhile. Cards and notes can be sent to her at her daughter Kathy's at 70 Brentwood Road, R R # 2, Brookfield, N.S. B0N 1C0.

George and Pat Robbins along with Brad and Vera Blackford have been visiting at the Robbins homestead in Tiverton recently. While talking to them at the Fireman's Breakfast on Sunday they assure me they will be back for Freeport Days in August!

A very pleasant surprise for me on the 20th of this month – Pamela (Parker) Gomez and her husband along with her daughter Sarah and her family have been visiting the Island and Pam came to say hello. We decided it had probably been around 50 years since we had last seen one another!

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Wasn't it a party!

I've done it! Yes Dad, I know, I am now am "halfway to a hundred"!

Lots of lying, half truths and rolled eyes I'm sure was happening the last week as the crunch came to the "big day". That would be the 23rd of July. The "Surprise Party". The whole day was cleverly disguised into a great birthday away from work (or shall I say away from secret things happenin') and a shopping trip to the valley with my mother and daughter. We had a nice day, a nice lunch, some cold Blonde Ale at Paddy's Pub in Kentville, took a few selfies. We all made a little "personal-self purchase" then we headed home.

Still in the back of my mind I was feeling bad and a bit guilty for not being with our crew at the cafe. I knew they were hard at it. The weather had been so muggy and humid lately which makes for an even longer day at work. Little did I know the reservations that had been in the book were all fake! I even prepped extra long the night before so Helen would not be over worked in the kitchen. You guys all got me good!

I must say that I was a tad overwhelmed when I first walked into the legion. On my way there I was just thinking, it was my birthday, it's thirsty Thursday at the hall and I was going to have a b'day toddy with Kristen, Lawna and Pam with hopes that the regular gang would still be there too. First person I saw was school buddy Wendy and she was grinning from ear to ear. I saw Clifton Thurber, I think I kissed him (that's just what he does to people). The first few half minutes all I could see were heads, streamers and I heard music. I was thinking "Omg, there's a band in here."I saw Caleb's hat far beyond the crowd and I knew then… that Stanton! It is an absolute privilege to have the opportunity to listen and watch musicians like The Caleb Miles Band at work! I've been a huge fan of his for a long time. It's also a great privilege to have so many friends who clearly like you.

Thank you all so much for coming. Thanks for all the card and gifts. I was nearly late for work there were so many to open. Then of course I had to re-read. A huge thanks to Kristen and Stanton for planning the party, the legion for allowing them to hold it there. I love it there, ya'll know it! There was lots of great food and decorations so thanks for all that too. Here it is nearly 11am and I am headed to work late for the second day in a row but you guys are all worth it!

The whole day and evening, what a treat! I am so lucky. Kristen said, "Mom, I told so many lies this week I know I'm going to hell". I've chalked it all up to a whole bunch of love and great acting skills! - Lavena

Out and about on Long Island...continued

It was a lovely visit and we hope it won't be as long before we see each other again!

The remains of the late Richard Dakin will be laid to rest in Brookside Cemetery on August 22, 2015 at 2 P.M.

Roger and I had a pleasant road trip recently. We drove to Pictou to visit with longtime friends Munroe and Jane Fraser. The next day we drove to Halifax and had lunch with my long time best friend (55+ years) Helen Boudreau, did a bit of shopping, visited with more long time friends Mike & Leona Sachs, and took our granddaughter Amanda out to dinner at Chinatown. The next day I visited with my cousin Maxine at St. Vincent's Guest Home where I delivered her Passages personally! She doesn't know many of the people in Freeport anymore, but every month she reads every word of our little newsletter! She was recently celebrated with lunch and flowers at the new Halifax City Library because she is 95 years old and still signing out books from the library. The staff were very gracious, she said, and so surprised and pleased that she is still a customer.

So sorry to hear of the passing of Laurence Outhouse this week. Laurence and Dianne have been very active in their community since their retirement to Tiverton. He will certainly be missed by all who knew him. Our condolences to the family from Passages.

Bonnie McLachlan hosted a hymn sing at her home one evening. Although there were not too many of us there it was a great sing and a lovely lunch. Thanks Bonnie..

Westport's Old Home Week a great success

The Westport Ladies Auxiliary would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came out to support all of the Old Home Week events, to those who donated food items, prizes and volunteered their time. It is greatly appreciated. It is all of the small things that people in our communities do as well as those who travel back "home" for these events that make it all possible and for that we thank you. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Thank you to the following businesses and individuals for donating to Old Home Week:

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Photos from Old Home Week
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Happy Birthday to Jackie Webb

Jackie celebrated her 70th Birthday with her brother, Calvert Baguley and her many friends at the Freeport Legion on July 25th. It was a fun time for all and lots of laughter. Good music and light show by Julie Crocker was enjoyed by all. Highlight of the evening was a tribute to the "Village People" dancing with Jackie to the tune of "YMCA". They had everyone in stitches from laughing so hard.

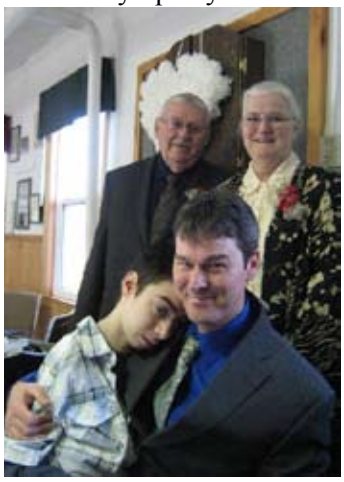
Performers of the "Village People" were … Fireman (Roy Vickery), Policeman (Joey Guptill), Carpenter (Gerry Ozon) and Indian Girl (Amanda Lindsay). Great entertainment!!!

Welcome to the world, Kenzie

Congratulations to Kally and Chad Schrader on the birth of their daughter Kenzie Vivian Lee born on July 2, 2015 at Valley Regional Hospital weighing 7 pounds 7.7 0z. Proud grandparents are Keith and Kathy (Cossaboom) Best, Brookfield, N.S. and Borden and Jean Schrader of Bridgewater, N.S,. Kenzie is the seventh great grandchild of Vivian Cossaboom and her first great granddaughter.

Thank you from Garrett's family

We would like to send a Heartfelt Thanks for all the cards, emails, phone calls, and expressions of sympathy on the passing of our precious Garrett. Thank you to all the many people who have cared for him through the years: Doctors. nurses, home care, VON, IWK and Yarmouth Hospitals.



The love shown to him through the years has been immeasurable.

He will be forever in our hearts.

Thank you all.

Thelsa and Alton, Quentin, Dale, Crystal, Morland and Families.

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Dining room table for sale - 5'x3'2" with additional 18" leaf and 6 chairs. Hardwood with cherry finish. Seats are upholstered - purchased in 2001 and has had very little use. $1,100.00. Contact Diane Crocker (902) 825-2414 or (902) 839-2540.

The Women's Institute will be holding a farmers market on September 19th at the Freeport Firehall. Look for more information in next month's Passages.

LEST WE FORGET

Three Generations of Islands Veterans
Raymond Robicheau (Centre): World War II
Eric Albright (left): Cold War/UN operations
Trent Thurber: War on Terror (on going)

Legion events

15th August (9 pm-1 am) Freeport Days Dance
Band: "Area 34" Members $7.00 Non-members: $8.00
19th Sept 2 pm General Meeting

Thank You

I would like to say thank you to everyone who sent cards and gift baskets after my recent hip operation. To those who visited me while I was in the hospital after my operation and to everyone who came to visit after I came home. Thank you to Dr. Murphy and the nurses at Valley Regional Hospital for the wonderful care that I received and to VON for the home care. It is all greatly appreciated.
Thank you
Clifton Titus

Thanks to my sons and all the Albright family for their help in unloading the u-haul and truck for my move to Freeport. A special thanks to Elijah McMullin for his help with the last truck load.
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In Memoriam

In loving memory of my dear husband Kingsley Leeman who passed away August 10, 2010

Gone are the days we used to share
But in my heart you are always there,
The gates of memories will never close
I miss you more than anyone knows.
With tender love and deep regret
We who love you will never forget.

Loving you always – Wife Jean

Guier, Bruce: In loving memory of a wonderful grandson and nephew who left us August 11th, 2004

If tears could build a stairway
And thoughts a memory lane,
We'd walk right up to heaven
Just to talk to you again;
Our hearts still deep in sadness
And secret tears still flow,
For what it meant to lose you
No one can even know;
But now we know you want us
To mourn for you no more,
But remember all the happy times,
Life still has much in store
You won't
Come back, we know that's true,
But we hope someday to come to you.

Loved and missed, Nanny Betty and Aunt Karen

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Woodrow Outhouse would like to thank all the family, friends and community for their thoughtfulness, cards, visits and donations during his stay at the Digby General Hospital and after his passing.

Special thanks to Dr. Robitaille, ER doctors, all the nurses in emergency and on the second floor of Digby General Hospital. Special thanks goes to Angela Outhouse for giving up many of her days to visit Woodrow with Susan. Also great appreciation to Home Care and VON who provided wonderful care while Woodrow was home.

Thank you to Middleton Funeral Home for their compassion and kindness. Thank you to Lou Outhouse and Ricky Small for a service that celebrated Woodrow's life, Crystal and Lou for their duet, "The Lighthouse" and the Tiverton Volunteer Fire Department members for being pall bearers.
Eunice
Jim and Pat Outhouse and family
Susan and Raymond and family

In Memoriam

Elliott

In loving memory of husband Larry, who passed away August 8, 2011.

The tide recedes but leaves behind...
bright seashells on the sand,
The sun goes down but gentle warmth...
still lingers on the land,
The music stops and yet...
it echoes on in sweet refrains,
In every joy that passes...
something beautiful remains.

Kathy

Guier Roy: In loving memory of Roy who passed away June 24th, 2002

Although you can't be here with me
We're truly not apart,
Until the final breath I take
You'll be living in my heart.
To me you were someone special
What more is there to say,
Except I wish with all my heart
That you were here to stay.
Since you'll never be forgotten
I pledge to you today,
A special place within my heart
Is where you'll always stay.

Loved, never forgotten, your loving wife Betty.

Guier, Roy: In loving memory of dad who passed away June 24th, 2002

There is a man with you
In heaven lord,
So precious and so rare.
That man is our father
The best beyond compare;
Please call his name
Out softly Lord
And when he looks your way,
Tell him that he's loved and missed
And thought of everyday.
When we are sad and lonely
And his death seems so unfair
We seem to hear him whisper,
Touch your hearts
And you'll find me there

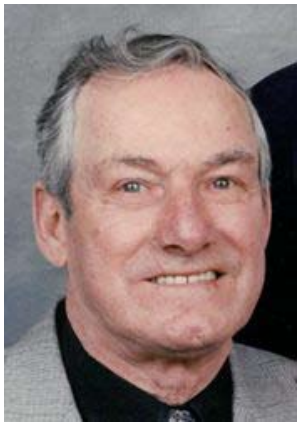
Loved forever, forgotten never
Karen and Butch, Keven and Cheryl,
Perry and Annette and daughter –in-law Patsy

Obituaries

Elliott, Gregory Grant "The Duck" 57, Freeport, passed away suddenly at home on July 3, 2015. Gregory will be remembered by his friends and family as a scallop fisherman and Harley Davidson enthusiast. He is survived by his Sisters; Angela Outhouse, Tiverton, Mary Anne Elliott, New Minas and only niece Kaitlin Outhouse(Nathan Walker), New Minas. He was predeceased by his parents, Melbourne and Roberta (Vantassell) Elliott. He will be greatly missed by his cat "Lady". A special thank you to Gregory's dear friend Angela Welch for all her years of friendship and support. Donations in memory of Gregory may be made to the Cancer Patient Navigator at VRH Kentville, or the Heart and Stroke foundation. As requested cremation has taken place. A graveside service was held at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Tiverton on July 11th 2015.. On-line condolences may be sent by visiting www.serenitylindsayfuneralhome.ca

Richard Wilmont Dakin 1928 – 2015

It is with great sadness that the family of the Richard Wilmont Dakin announce his passing at the Green Bay Health Care Center in Springdale on July 8, 2015 at the age of 86. Richard was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and Harry's Harbour United Church. He retired from the Canadian Armed Forces in 1974 (served for 20 years) and the Core of Commissioners in 1994 (also served for 20 years). Richard was predeceased by his wife Merle, his mother Mae, his father Coleman and brother Herman. Left with fond and loving memories are his sons-Laurie Dakin of Petawawa, Ont and Chris Dakin (Wilma Hopman) of Lunsdowne, Ont; daughters-Joanne Sharpe (Eric) of Harry's Harbour and Betty-Ann Aucoin (Jerry LaCroix) of Calgary, AB. Also leaving to mourn are two sisters Irene and Helena; 8 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. . Interment will be at Freeport, Nova Scotia. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Ken Goodyear and Marilyn Stuckless of Central Funeral Homes. For condolences on line and to listen to the funeral service please visit www.centralfuneralhomes.ca



Laurence Edmund Outhouse slipped away from us on Thursday night, July 23, 2015. He was surrounded by family at his home in Tiverton, NS and left the world quietly. Laurence was an intelligent, kind, and sometimes obstinate man who loved nothing more than to travel through life and the world with his darling Dianne. He put up with his ne'er do well sons Allison and Ronald in order that he might get to spend more time with his grandchildren James and Jennifer. He is lost to us now but not forgotten. He will be remembered for his commitment to his beloved island, helping create open spaces at Boar's Head Look-Off and Bear Cove. Little Laurence was born April 25, 1938 to the late Laurence and Doris (Adams) Outhouse, and predeceased by his brother Bill. In lieu of flowers please make donations to The Lodge That Gives in Halifax. The family would also like to say thank you to the Victorian Order of Nurses for their exceptional care during his final days. A memorial service will be held at a later date, as per his wishes, drinking and music will be involved.

HARVEY, Carol..(Nee Finigan).passed away peacefully at the Trenton Memorial Hospital on Thursday May 28, 2015 in her 85th year. Carol was born and brought up in the Islands. Carol is once again reunited with the love of her life, George "Bud" Harvey and they will forever spend their eternity dancing the days away. She is survived by her loving children Georgina & her husband Stan Clarke of Edmonton and Karen & her husband John Harries of Trenton. Cherished grandmother of Melissa and great grandmother of Cydney and Ezekiel. Carol will be fondly remembered by family friend Kathy. Online guest book and condolences at www.weaverfuneralhomes.com

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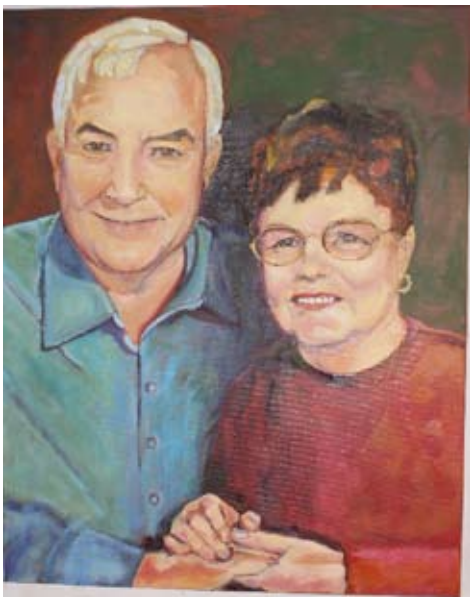

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