

Have I Got e-for You!



News from the Communities in and around the
Old Barns and Hilden United Churches



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Message from Your Editor

Hard to believe we are moving into the middle of October although the temperature is starting to cool down. The tree colour is amazing. Drove to Saint John, New Brunswick Thanksgiving weekend to attend our son's wedding and the drive up and back was stunning. The red and oranges were as brilliant as I have seen in a few years. Every mile travelled was awe-inspiring. That was true for Saturday and Monday. Sunday, wedding day, brought weather from Hurricane Nate. By afternoon, it was windy and pouring. The outdoor wedding was scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Everyone was gathered in their vehicles while we waited with all eyes glued to the weather radar until the system passed. By 4:00 all were in place and a beautiful wedding ceremony was held. The waves were crashing on the shore below the bluff and, as it was pointed out to me, Scottish sunshine covered us. It was magical.

With the change in weather, our eyes turn towards November and Remembrance Day followed by the Christmas season, both times to remember the past and have hope for the future.

Next year, we will "celebrate" the 100th Anniversary of the end of the Great War, the War to End all Wars! I think back to my visit to Belgium two years ago when I visited Passchendaele and Ypres and saw the crosses, row on row, and heard of the respect the people still hold for Canadians and their part in the war. My paternal grandfather drove mule trains to the front lines in France, delivering ammunition to the men in the trenches. Our favourite family story is when my grandfather was on the back of a mule, urging it through when he had "his ass shot" out from under him. My grandfather survived with minor injuries but the same cannot be said for the mule.

"Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale." - Lauren DeStefano

Leslie

Good Bye, Dear Friends



Alice Mary Watt – March 30, 1922 – July 8, 2017
Lower Truro



Wyman Hiltz Yuill – July 18, 1923 – August 3, 2017
Beaver Brook



Gerald Reid Geddes
December 24, 1927 – August 4, 2017
Old Barns



Jessie Taylor Gummow
October 24, 1928 – October 8, 2017
Hilden

*Memories are lovely gifts no one can take away
They grow more precious in the heart
That treasures them every day.*

Hello New Babies



Thomas Christopher Batchilder
May 11, 2017
Parents: Whitney & Chris Batchilder
Cornwall, Prince Edward Island
Grandparents: Leah & Gordon McDonald
Great-Grandparents: Reg & Gerry Loughead



Thomas James Gibson
Born August 4, 2017
Parents: Sandra (Yuill) & Jonathan Gibson
Cambridge, Ontario
Grandparents: James & Pat Yuill (Beaver Brook)



Rylie Victoria Baird
Born September 16, 2017
Parents: Steven & Lyndsay Baird
Sister: Madison (aged 2 years)
Aurora, Ontario
Grandparents: David & Carol Baird (Lower Truro)



Sadie Elsie Roberta Yuill
Born September 25, 2017
Parents: Tiffany & Stuart Yuill
Old Barns, Nova Scotia
Grandparents: Jeff & Pat Yuill (Old Barns)

Happy Birthday

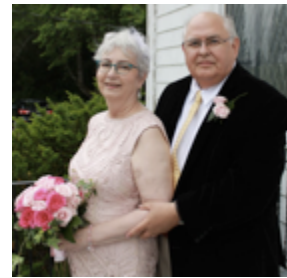


On September 17th, Doris MacCallum celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends.



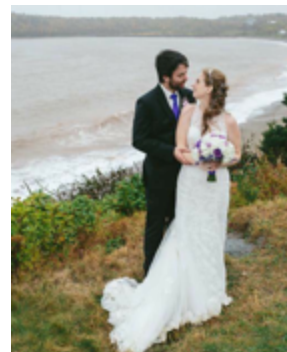
On October 1st, Grant Fancey celebrated his 80th birthday with family and friends along with help from grandchildren Lucas, Dillon, Dan and Jack.

Wedding Bells



June 24, 2017
Susan Campbell & Brian Hagell

The Old Barns United Church was the setting for a lovely summer wedding officiated by Rev Ian Harrison. Family and friends were there to share their joy. Brian's two sons, Kevin and Scott, were best men and Margie Densmore was Susan's amazing maid of honour. Son Kevin and his girlfriend Dana were here from Nelson, BC along with their little dog "Truckie".



October 8, 2017
Alexander Burrows & Lacey O'Toole

The beautiful wedding took place on a bluff overlooking McLaren's Beach in Saint John, NB surrounded by family and friends. Alexander was attended by his best friend from school days, Mike Stewart and his sisters, Hannah and Catherine. Lacey had her sister and four friends.



Award



Mary and John Heukshort received the "Family of the Year" award from the Immaculate Conception Church Council.

July 1st Celebration – Canada 150

Bill and Sybil McCurdy hosted a Canada Celebration at their home.



Sybil with daughter Lori and granddaughter Meghan



Larry Harrison with Bill

Grade Twelve Award Winners

Several of the grade 12 Graduates honoured last June at the Old Barns United Church won the following awards at their graduation:

Patrick Landsburg –

Dr. William F Curley Bursary

Ella McCurdy –

Clifton Federation Scholarship

Hon. FB McCurdy Scholarship

Matthew Sandeson –

Honours Diploma

International Baccalaureate Diploma

NS Freemasons Bursary North Star # 74

JFC Grant Scholarship

James Fahey Memorial Bursary

Aaron Steeves –

Dalhousie University Entrance Scholarship

Congratulations to each of the winners!

"If we are wise, we will help
the people everywhere to get
the good and abundant life...
to become masters of their
own destiny" *Moses M. Coady*



Clifton Community Supper

You are invited to attend a Community Supper.

Where: Cobequid Fire Hall, Lower Truro

When: Wednesday, October 25th
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Menu: Hearty Fall Beef or Turkey Stew
Salad, Roll, Tea/Coffee/Milk/Water
Dutch Apple Cake

Cost: Free (served while supplies last)

The Cobequid Firemenettes are hosting this supper for all those living in our fire brigade area from Truro Heights to Green Oak. We hope you will join us.

Old Barns Church Yard Sale

Submitted by Debbie Rutherford

Last winter. I was doing some purging around the house. During that process I thought, "Let's have a yard sale and raise some money for the church". It seemed like a pretty low-risk venture to me!

And so, with the help of Mille McKim, Kathie Chisholm and Debbie Masters, the plan was put into action. The call went out for items that folks no longer wanted or needed and before too long Grammie Bette's nursery was filled to the brim with donations. We met for one or two mornings a week during the month of April and did some sorting and pricing. We had lots of fun doing this and it turned out to be a good way to pass the dreary month of April.

The sale was held on Saturday, May 6th with the UCW offering coffee and muffins for sale on the day of the event.

Thanks to the many folks who came out to help throughout the day – taking money, cleaning-up, delivering left over items to the Colchester Community Workshop and to those who came and supported the sale by purchasing items.

All in all, it turned out to be a great way to spend a rainy day and make some much-needed funds for the church.



Debbie R, Debbie M and Millie McK



"One man's junk is another man's treasure."

Hilden Jam Sessions

(that is in making music, not strawberry jam)

Submitted by George Creelman

So, what is a "jam session" or "jamming"? Wikipedia refers to a jam session as an informal musical event, process or activity where musicians, typically instrumentalists, play improvised solos and vamp on tunes, songs and chord progressions.... Another source refers to a jam, as musicians performing together without a set purpose or itinerary or a jam session is often between musicians who do not usually play together and just play for the fun of it (that's me). The word jam may come from "trying to jam as many musicians as possible on stage" – that is my camping friends, when we try to jam as many "jammers" as possible between two trailers at a music festival campground, on a warm summer night.

At the Hilden United Church Hall we "make music for the fun of it" and at the same time raise a little money for the church or a charity. I like to call it "making music with my friends", a quote from Willie Nelson.

The Hilden jam sessions started with four sessions in the spring of 2016, as a fundraiser for the United Refugee Sponsorship Group (URSG). We only had five musicians at the first one but 17 at the third. We raised \$512.50 at these four jams, for the URSG.

These jams were so much fun that I decided to invite these musicians back for monthly jam sessions, starting in Nov, 2016. There is a total of 28 musicians or singers on my list, who have been to Hilden at least once (it would be quite the jam if they all showed up at once). We got together six times from November thru May (missing one session due to weather). A freewill offering and 50/50 tickets at the door and selling tea, coffee and cookies from the kitchen brought in a total of \$818.00 for the Church. Part of the proceeds in May (\$78.00) went to Rev. Ian for the "Gutsy Walk for Crohn's and Colitis".

The first jam session of this season was September 10th, with 15 jammers and approximately 34 there to listen. The oldest jammer was an 87 year old from Sunnyvale, CA. and the youngest was 16, from Elmsdale. Part of

the proceeds (\$146.00) went to the ALS Society.

If you are interested in attending our jam sessions, we meet the 2nd Sunday of the month unless that falls on a holiday weekend. The next three sessions are October 15th, November 12th and December 10th, 2 – 4 p.m. Anyone, no matter your level of talent, or what instrument you play, is welcome to come and make music with my friends. Or just come and listen and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a homemade cookie.

Feel free to call me, George Creelman, at 902-897-4493, if you want more info.



Old Barns Harvest Dinner



The Corn Shucking Crew – Lloyd Yuill, Fred Blois, Bill McCurdy, Gordon Miller, and Gary Rutherford.

*The highest service demands the greatest sacrifice,
but it secures the fullest blessing
and the greatest fruitfulness.*

James Hudson Taylor

Book Quotes

It would seem either you do not read books or you could find nothing noteworthy to share. But thank you to the one who did reply.

Susan Campbell – I do have a quote from a book I read last year._

Book: "Walking on Trampolines" by France Whiting

Quote: "The past was another country and only exceptionally foolish people visit it."

The quote was about a character that lingered in limbo remembering past wrongs.

One of my (Leslie) favourites is a little longer –

Book: "We Keep a Light"
by Evelyn M. Richardson

Quote:

"The chain of human life unrolls as limitless as the waves in the sea that laps all shores; it is good to know of those who went this way before and to think of those who will come after. The spots of earth we call our own, as we take our place in the life continuity, never actually belong to any of us; what are really ours are the eyes and ears to see and hear, and the soul to love and understand the beauties around us. Who could sell or buy the sea among the rocks, the winds rippling the fields of grass, the moon's lustrous path across the surging water, or the star-studded bowl of the night sky? They are without price, and priceless, and will be here for those who follow us. Then the work of our hands, those insignificant scratches on the face of the earth, may serve to remind others of our passing, as the tiny heaps of stones, laboriously gathered a hundred years ago, bring to our minds those who preceded us at this tiny speck in time and place."

*Reading gives us someplace to go
When we have to stay where we are.*

Mason Cooley

Financial History

Submitted by Bob Francis

While visiting Doris McCallum in August, she gave me a couple of documents from 1959 and 1961.

This information was quite interesting to me as Treasurer of Old Barns United Church. Over the past several months I have been forecasting where our future finances might be. Normally our summer months are very difficult months financially. As a result of the meetings and discussions in the Spring our giving's, this summer's have increased.

I want to thank everyone for their financial and spiritual giving's this summer and look forward to your continued support this Fall and Winter.

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1959 Giving's per person

[illegible]

1961 Proposed Budget

And the Medal Goes To

A Truro police officer captured a medal at an international competition with thousands of participants in August. The World Police and Fire Games were held in Los Angeles, California, and featured competitions including everything from police pistol combat, stair running and half marathon, to dodgeball, bean bag toss and horseshoes.

The Truro Police Service's Cpl. Robert John Hunka (of Green Oak) took the silver in the Crossfit open division.

Crossfit is a trademarked fitness regime which requires competitors to demonstrate their prowess in gymnastics, powerlifting, calisthenics and various athletic pursuits, while at the same time enhancing skills and strengths that can be used directly in their vocations.

Cpl. Robert Hunka's silver-medal performance has the Truro Police Department bursting with pride. Hunka is already well-known in the area. In 2014, he rescued a woman from a burning building in Truro, kicking down a door and making his way through thick smoke before finding her and carrying her to safety. For that act of courage he received the Governor General's Medal of Bravery at a ceremony in Ottawa.



Robert John with Constable Justin Russell of the Truro Police Services who finished eighth in the Crossfit open division.

Congratulations!

Lloyd Yuill hands over the Halters

A recent newspaper article outlined the hand-over from Lloyd Yuill of Amber Hill Farm in Old Barns to Keltie MacIntosh-Elliot and her husband Nick Elliot.

Lloyd's grandfather, Amos Yuill, started the farm around 1910 where he raised 14 children. Isaac then took over the farm, eventually passing it over to Lloyd.



Welcome to the community, Keltie and Nick!!!



"Autumn is the external corrective. It is ripeness in colour and a time of maturity; but is also breadth and depth and distance. What man can stand with autumn on a hilltop and fail to see the span of his world and the meaning of the rolling hills that reach to the far horizon. — Hal Borland

Beaver Brook's Hockey Hero

Note: I realized that we had not featured Casey Babineau as yet and so I contacted his mother, Jean, who kindly sent me some information.

Casey Babineau has been on skates since he was two and a half years old. He has won two provincial titles and several trophies and awards over his hockey career.

Casey was drafted by Rimouski Oceanic of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League in 2009 where he spent four years. He then attended the University of PEI for four years during which he played hockey for the Panthers and his tuition was paid for all four years. Casey graduated this past May with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree.

In April, the Australian Ice Hockey League team Adelaide Adrenaline paid Casey's way "Down Under", provided a home for the imports (four from the Maritmes) to live free of cost, and provided them a car. They also got jobs for the boys. The Australian winter season is from April to September.

Casey received the Defenseman of the Year for his team – six goals and 16 assists in 28 games. All great experiences.

"He's a very intelligent defenceman, who competes hard and has a very high pain threshold," Panthers coach Forbes MacPherson told the Charlottetown Guardian in January. "He's just one of those guys who, knock-on-wood, you can count on every single night, every single week." His strong character and cerebral playing style made him a fantastic fit in the AUS.

