

## Announcements

West Hall's Harbour Baptist Church –Oct. 19, 7:00 pm Gospel Sing (featuring Harley Corkum)

Saturday, Sunday Sept 27 (morning and afternoon) & Sept 28 (afternoon): Quilt Show and Sale – West Hall's Harbour Baptist Church

### Advance Notice:

FVCC will be holding its annual Bean Supper and Christmas Tree Lighting December 6, 2008

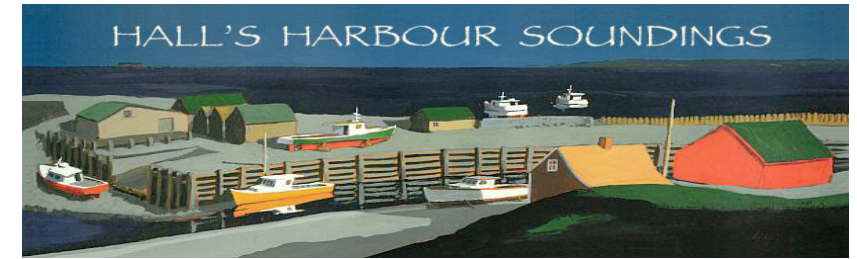
## Halls Harbour Community Development Association News for Fall 2008

- Thanks to all who supported the Annual 2008 Halls Harbour Day. Our Committee of Bobbi Taylor, Rhonda Atwell, and Helen Lightfoot are to be congratulated on a well run day that was enjoyed by many. The new events such as the bingo, buoy float, the fireworks on the floating barge, and the blessing of the fleet added greatly to the celebrations. The CDA acknowledges the contribution of Democracy 250 to the Halls Harbour Day festivities this year.
- The CDA continues to explore options for the eco-trail in face of the closure of a significant portion of the west side of the trail this past spring.
- Halls Harbour saw another busy summer with many visitors. Our student was Kaitlyn Ward whose family has moved to Halls Harbour permanently. Kaitlyn helped out several community organizations and certainly worked hard to make our Harbour an inviting one for visitors and residents. Thanks Kaitlyn and good luck this year in your studies!
- At this time we would like to extend a huge thank you to Sylvia and Charles Skerry who supervised Kaitlyn for her eight week employment this summer. The Skerrys have opened their home to many CDA students over the years and have gone above and beyond the call of duty to make sure they were safe and prepared to complete required tasks. THANKS! Sylvia and Charles have given notice that this was their last year for supervising the summer student so the CDA will have to have the commitment from other people if they are to apply for and employ a student in 2009. Anyone interested in doing this may leave their name with Joanne Ward at the C@P Site.
- The last meeting of the 2007-2008 Board of Directors will be held at 7:30 on Thursday 25 September at the C@P Site. Please remember that anyone is welcome to attend.
- The CDA Nominating Committee of Rhonda Atwell and Bobbi Taylor are looking for individuals to serve as CDA directors for the 2008-2009 year. If you are willing to serve, please contact either Rhonda or Bobbi.
- The Annual meeting of the CDA will be held on Thursday 16 October at 7:30 at the C@P Site. Please plan to attend as it is open to all and we are looking for new members!

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## ABOUT THE VILLAGE

**Fundy View Community Club** would like to express its appreciation and thanks to the Kingdom Hall in Kentville for its kind donation of chairs for use in our Hall in Hall's Harbour.

The club would like to extend a very sincere welcome to the newest addition to the Harbour Community. A beautiful baby girl, Sydney Elizabeth Madeline, born August 8, 2008 to proud parents Terry-Lee Bourgeois-King and Scott King.

The following is a list of the new Board of Directors of FVCC voted in at the Annual General Meeting held August 28, 2008.

Chairperson: Carrie Dickie Vice Chair: Richard Parker

Secretary: Diane Tedford-Little Treasurer: Fred Houghton

Directors at Large: Pam Petrie, Connie Steele, Joyce Oickle, Janet Hawkins, Janet Gordon, Jo Currie, John Neville, Jenny White and newcomer Bob Petrie

**The Historical Society** had a busy summer with many visitors to the C@psite at the Schoolhouse Museum, and Fish House Museum. Our summer youth intern, Elise Vermeulen had a busy summer looking after both places. Used books, postcards, coffee, muffins and cookies were popular again at the wharf, and we wish to thank the many folks who continued to support us in this fundraising. We still have a huge supply of used books for sale, so don't forget to stop at the Schoolhouse/C@psite and pick up your fall/winter reading supply. The Heritage Tour "Churches of Blomidon Country" on August 17th included a tour of Hall's Harbour Baptist Church, 885 West Hall's Harbour Rd. Many visitors toured our Church (circa 1845) that is still largely original, including pump organ and pews. Light refreshments were served.

**The Fish Chowder Suppers at the Fire Hall** were a Huge success this year, with the September one being our biggest one yet. Thanks to our many volunteers who helped serve, cook, prepare, etc and for the many desserts provided by the community. Congratulations to Gail Landry, Coldbrook who won the Gift Basket, drawn for at the Sept supper. Card Games will resume at the Fire Hall on Tuesday, October 7, at 7:30PM. Come out for a fun evening. Everyone is happy to see that Highway #359 from the Fire Hall to foot of Centreville Mountain (at Thorpe Road) is going to be repaved. They started work on it 2 weeks ago.

This issue of "Soundings" is sponsored by Don Sanford in memory of his wife, June (Keizer) Sanford (1938-1998). June grew up here and was very interested and active in her community. She was a member of the Hall's Harbour Baptist Church, the Fundy View Community Club.

## Telephones in 1950

The first telephones arrived in Hall's Harbour in the late 1930's or early 1940's. The first homes to have phones were Percy Neville, Max Parker and Rae Bennett. Neighbors often used or received messages on these phones.

The early phones were made of polished wood and were usually mounted on the wall. They had a crank on the side, a mouthpiece on the front with a dial under them and a slanted writing surface below that. People had to stand to use the phone. My grandparents had a small wooden box on the wall with a crank but the phone was a heavy black tube with a rounded base and dial on the bottom, a receiver in a cradle on the side and a mouthpiece at the top.

There were no extension cords and the earpiece was attached to the side of the box but separate from the mouthpiece, which was attached to the front of the box. The telephone was often in the kitchen but ours was on the wall by the front door in the living room. The location seems to have been determined by what area was closest to the connection from the telephone pole. There were only party lines so people shared their lines with a number of other people. I remember when a change was made from four people on a line to only two, which was considered a major improvement.

With a party line, you had to listen to see if the line was in use before you started to use it. People got upset if someone cranked the phone or dialed when they were using it. To contact someone on the line you had to turn the crank the correct number of times. Each home had a specific ring such as one long or two shorts or a long and a short or any number of combinations. Everyone on the line heard your ring and could listen in to the conversation if they wished to. They had to remove the receiver very carefully because it could make a click, which would let the people talking know someone was listening. Also voices and sounds in the eavesdropper's home could be heard. Since the phone was often in the kitchen and all the family tended to gather there, it was almost impossible to have a private conversation.

If you wished to call someone in Kentville or further away you had to use the dial to call the operator who would ring the number for you. They would stay on the line until it was answered or would tell you after a few rings that apparently there were no one home. The phone was seldom used after 10 PM because most people had gone to bed and if the phone rang after midnight it was bound to be very bad news.

In the early 1950's during the Cold War, Canada had a program of plane spotting. Groups were organized in each community and given instruction on identifying airplanes by their shape and engine numbers. On a selected day different types of aircraft took off from Greenwood Air Force Base and flew around the area in different directions and at varying heights. Plane spotters were to identify the aircraft by type, number of engines, direction flying, how many and other information and record this information on special forms and take these to the reporter who phoned this information on special forms and take these to the reporter who phoned this information to a central collection post. I think ours was to Truro. We children did the spotting and reported to my mother who phoned in the information. We children enjoyed this exciting activity.

When people got private phones, I think a certain sense of community was lost.

**Richard Parker**

## Gold, Silver or Bronze - or Something Much More?

Philippians 3:12-14 <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Many of us have just finished viewing the 2008 Beijing Olympic (and/or Para Olympic) Games, the 29<sup>th</sup> such Games since the modern version began in 1996. I am sure that all who saw them would agree that this rendition lived up to its media hype and advance billing and was truly a **Grand Spectacle** (witness the opening and Closing Ceremonies alone), and had some **Great Races** (often decided by 1/100 or thousandths of a second) for the **Gold** medals.

In a recent sermon series, focussing on v. 14 above and others from the Apostle Paul's writings on "Running the Race" well (1 Cor. 9:24; 2 Tim. 4:7-8, Heb. 12:1); I asked who decided that there would be three main prizes for the winners, or that they be made of Gold, Silver and Bronze for that matter?

Paul above seems to be talking of a race and a particular prize and that I am sure is not limited to one, three or a pre-determined number of victors. One can see how the allure of the Olympic medals attracts so many. First of all they are uniquely hand-crafted in secret prior to the games and are made of three precious or semi-precious metals. Secondly, winning any Olympic medal has recently translated to extra monetary awards and adulation in the winner's country and often millions of dollars in advertising contracts.

For many athletes it is the Gold (earthly treasure) or Silver (earthly fame) that is the driving force in their athletic careers, while all would agree that the bronze can represent the hard work and effort all athletic pursuits require. But I much prefer Paul's idea of a "single prize of the heavenly call of God" that is available if we are indeed trusting "in Christ Jesus" and not our earthly treasure, fame or even our own hard work to win the greatest of all prizes – eternal life.

If you have ever seen the later stages of the Marathon Race after the three winners have long finished the 2 hour plus contest, you'll realize they leave the Finish Line intact and race officials and others remain to greet all those who eventually complete this great test of stamina. I believe this is what Paul had in mind in Hebrews 12:1-2a:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith ...

Are you seeking **Him** the only prize that lasts, the **One** that is available to all in the great marathon of life?

**Pastor David Cumby**