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FROM
THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



**RECREATION &
CONTINUING EDUCATION
PROGRAMS**

The Inverness County Recreation/
Tourism Department continues to
encourage a healthier, active living
lifestyle for residents of Inverness

County. Opportunities are available through local
school and community programs. Check this issue
for programs offered in your community. Please
note, if there is a program not currently offered in
your community, or if you are interested in instructing
a class, be sure to contact your local programmer or
contact us at the Recreation/Tourism office.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The Municipality of Inverness County will recognize
the contributions of individuals who volunteer their
time and talents in Inverness County. Provincial
Volunteer Week is April 27 - May 3. Persons
nominated on or before April 7 will be honoured by
Municipal Council during Volunteer Week. Those
nominated by March 14 will be eligible to have their
name drawn to represent all Inverness County
volunteers at the Provincial Ceremonies in Halifax on
April 19. Please note, individuals nominated in the
previous 10 years (1993-2002) are not eligible to be
nominated in 2003. For more information on the
Municipal Volunteer Recognition program and details
on how you or your group can make a nomination,
check page 22 of this issue or contact staff at the
Recreation/Tourism office at 787-3507, 3508 or
2274.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
SPONSORED PROJECTS:**

A reminder to those organizations interested in
submitting a project proposal for the Nova Scotia
Youth Conservation Corps (NSYCC) that the
deadline is February 28th. Applications are available
at the Recreation/Tourism office in the Municipal
Building (Courthouse) in Port Hood or by calling 787-
3507 or 3508.

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Many thanks to Jim St. Clair who provided the beautiful
turn-of-the-century valentine for our front and back
cover. It is dated February 14th, 1907 and signed
"Louisa from Earle".

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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE
PARTICIPAPER IS APRIL 4TH, 2003**



ANCESTORS UNLIMITED

HELPING TO FIND YOUR INVERNESS COUNTY ROOTS

By Dr. Jim St. Clair

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

What were our ancestors doing? What interested them? How can I find out more about life in years gone by? How can I “flesh out” the people I encounter on my family tree so that they are more than just names and dates - more than “hatch, match and dispatch” names?

Questions such as these are often asked - and there are many answers. One of the chief gold mines of information often overlooked is the collection of petitions from individuals and groups found in “Manuscript Group 5 - Series P” in the Public Archives of Nova Scotia.

Literally thousands of items are there for perusal; for searching through for names of people and their interests; for activities and needs which were important to the people in generations past.

For example in no. 76 of vol. 57 of that series, Hugh McMillan (on the 19th of February in 1829) states that for 10 years, he has maintained a regular ferry service across the Gut of Canso from McMillan's Point (Port Hastings) to and from Auld's Cove on mainland Nova Scotia.

He states that he has received a yearly grant of 10 pounds and 6 shillings for transporting the mail and passengers. A small boat has been sufficient, but now an increase in the number of horses and cattle to be ferried, as well as a larger number of passengers, requires “a more comfortable ferry.” He is seeking additional funds from “The Honourable Members of House of Assembly.”

In no. 142 of Vol 41 of the same series (and five years later) we discover that Donald McMillan, (Hugh's son), on 23 January, 1842 sent a petition to the members of the House. In this document, he states that for two

years, he has received no compensation for operating the ferry. He requests both a yearly allowance and assistance in building two boats - one to be kept on each side of the Strait. He notes that his present vessel is hampered by “stormy gales, heavy seas and swift ice-flowing tides. (This was written in the days before the Causeway changed the flow of tides.)

To support his petition, he has appended the signatures of twenty people who state that they make frequent trips across the strait by McMillan's ferry, and support his request. Included are: John Noble, Surgeon; Philip Fox; Charles Fox; Alexander Fox; John Rankin; Angus Betton (so spelled); John Betton (so spelled); Murdoch Betton (so spelled); George Laidlow (so spelled); James Dusset (that is James Doucet, later of Brook Village and still later of Ingonish); Laurence Welsh; Edward Welsh.

Ferries are still very much on the minds of people in Inverness County in 1901 and 1906 when the people of Grand Etang (with a number of names attached) petitioned for improved ferry



From a painting by J. Franklin Wright: *The Harbour at Port Hawkesbury in the early days*

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service between Grand Etang and Mulgrave for the transportation of people and goods - a way it would seem to provide access to and from the railway terminal at Mulgrave.

As recorded in vol 49 of the same series, item no. 2, in 1853 nearly 100 inhabitants of the village of Chéticamp and area petitioned the House of Assembly concerning the necessity of improving opportunities for people engaged in the mackerel fishery - "A large fleet of ships" - the document states that "the harbour is formed by an island or point attached to mainland at the southern extremity by a narrow beach...harbour has a great depth of water except a narrow bar or sand bank only seven feet deep at high tides..." The petition notes that the harbour is a good refuge in storms.

More than ninety names (some with an X for signature and others with quite laboured writing) are appended. George Laurence, Sheriff, seems to have written the petition which was signed by McKeagney, Parish Priest, and then by Philip Robin and Philip LeMontaine and then Patrick Delorey, Justice of Peace and Philip LeRiche, Justice of Peace and Samuel Laurence and Alexander Comeau, etc.

In the same series, Vol 56, numbers 45 to 87 (the year is 1918). Petitions from large number of agricultural societies or "agricultural clubs" requesting that the Nova Scotia Legislature impose penalties on groups which change the breeds of animals which



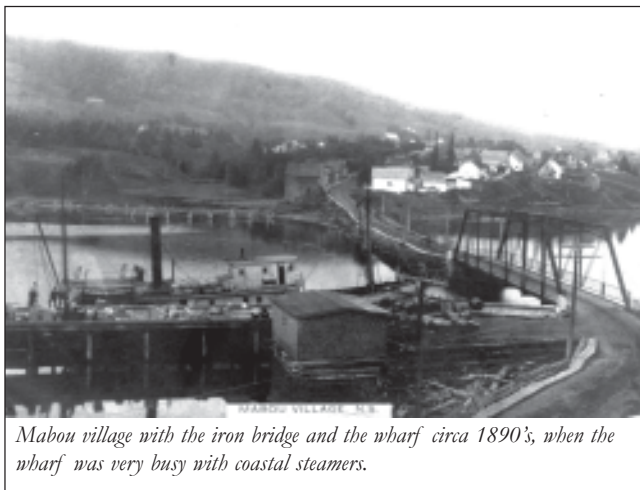
Early view of Chéticamp Harbour with dredger

have been established by the federation of these societies. Each of the following communities sent a petition with the names of the residents who supported the concept:

Glenville	East Margaree
Orangedale	Margaree Forks
Judique	Margaree Harbour
Ainslie (both sides)	Inverness
Belle Cote	Whycocomagh

In Record Group 41-C, Vol 7A, a number of reports are found from coroners investigating the deaths of people in Inverness County communities. These records include not only the name of the deceased but the circumstances of the death - and the names of the people serving on the coroner's Jury. For instance, in February 1870, young Malcolm Mclean, age 6, drowned at Mabou Harbour on his way to school... "he fell off some poles across a brook at Mabou Harbour and went into the waters of said brook and drowned of suffocation." The coroner's jury consisted of the following local people: Allan Isaac, Donald McDonald, John Mclean, Donald Beaton, Mal. Mclean, Donald McMaster, Patrick Doyle, Hugh McPhie, Neil McDonald, Angus McEachern.

Every district and most communities have several petitions on record. A systematic searching out of these documents adds much to the understanding of the history of Inverness County and provides many, many names. For instance there is a strong petition from the people of Chéticamp regarding the seal fishery in 1841; another from the inhabitants of the Margaree Harbour area concerning a new breakwater in 1853; road petitions also exist for the Chéticamp-Grand Etang area for 1829; 1844; 1892 and 1899.



Mabou village with the iron bridge and the wharf circa 1890's, when the wharf was very busy with coastal steamers.

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As late as 1920, the people of Poplar Grove (Mabou); Port Hood; Hillsborough; Glencoe; West and East Lake Ainslie, request provincial money to assist in the purchase of a new rolling mill for processing wheat. With about 500 signatures attached - this document is virtually a census for the area.

Mabou Pioneer, Book II, 1977 - Corrections and Additions: In 1977, a committee of people in the Mabou area gathered information concerning some of the families whose histories were published twenty years earlier. This information continued the listing of the descendants of some of the people



1930's Main Street, Chéticamp

noted in the earlier book. In addition, accounts of 49 families not mentioned in the *Mabou Pioneer, Book I*, were published. These early families were mainly Presbyterians and Baptists.

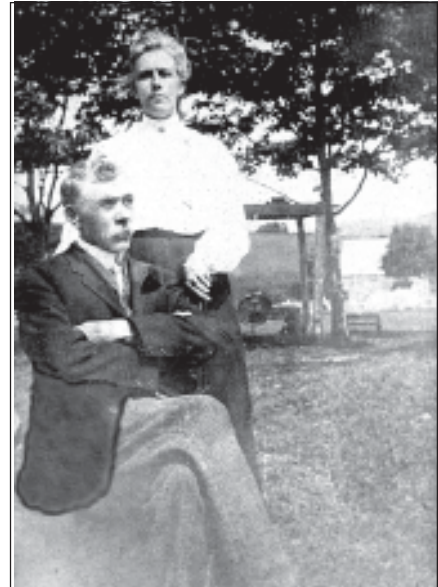
Since 1977, many additional records have come to light which assist in adding to or correcting material printed in 1977. The writer of this column was the gatherer of data about those families and has been collecting new material on these families. From time to time, this additional material will be printed in this column. (note: It important to realize that there are about fifty additional pioneering families in the Mabou area whose genealogies have not been published - a major task for an avid researcher in the future).

Benvie/Benvy Family, page 79, *Mabou Pioneer II*: Additions and *The Participaper*

corrections to the family of Adam and Caroline (MacKeen) Benvie:

1. Samuel b. 1861 - died 10 December 1928.
2. Martha b. 1863 - died 1889.
3. Isabella b. 1865 - died 1887.
4. John William b. 1867 - died 1948.
5. Margaret b. 1870 - died 22 December 1933.
6. J. Hedley b. 1872 - died 1953.
7. Mary b. 1874 - death date unknown.

This family moved to the Onslow area and grave-stone information was found at the Valley Cemetery of Colchester County. [Other additions and corrections to *Mabou Pioneer II* may be sent to this column.]



James Niven MacDonald "Fancy Jim" - teacher. His wife, Mary Jane (MacDougall) MacDonald stands behind him. Photo taken in the dooryard of their home in Stewartdale, circa 1898. [Photo from the MacFarlane Collection]



Four young Cape Bretoners photographed while in New York in the 1890's. The costumes were supplied by the photographer. The identities of these young men is unknown. [Photo from the MacFarlane Collection]

GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA - It is time to renew Membership in this organization or to take one out as a membership for oneself or as a gift. Members receive the publication, *The Nova Scotia Genealogist*, as well as a listing in the Annual Members Directory plus the opportunity to add a link to a personal Nova Scotia family web page from the GANS website. Membership is \$25.00 for the year 2003. Contact: The Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia, P. O. Box 641, Station Central, Halifax. N. S., B3J 2T3.

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PUBLICATIONS

The most recent issue of the *Nova Scotia Genealogist* includes a listing of early Pictou County Marriages for the period 1818 to 1860. Bride and groom are included in the listing. Over 500 marriages are listed with a number of those listed having Inverness County connections. In an article entitled "Nova Scotia Strays" --- listings of marriages and deaths from a variety of Newspapers in both Canada and the United States --- the following are noted:

1. Death of Margaret Agnes (MacLean) Ells in 1967 in Vancouver - birthplace is listed as Orangedale.

2. Death of John Archie McKillop, born in Cape Breton, in Dawson Creek. B. C., 1898.

3. Marriage in Winnipeg in 1882 of Samuel Isaac McKeen, born in Mabou. *

QUERY:

Dianne McLean writes: "I found the following

paragraph on one of the Pictou county websites in regards to the ship The Sarah which arrived in 1801: "...Most of these immigrants made fine settlers in Nova Scotia." The Weekly Chronicle of February 23, 1805 observed that about 1300 hardy emigrants who arrived at Pictou in the year 1802 "...had already so far improved the different spots of uncultivated land on which they were placed that most of them had wheat, potatoes and other crops to sell. There was scarcely a family but possessed a cow or two, sheep and poultry, sufficient to assist others who might become their neighbours on the vast tracts of fertile land which remained uncultivated..." Does anyone know how I can obtain access to these early copies of the *Weekly Chronicle*? I would like to see if any McLeans/MacLeans are mentioned in the first 1- 5 years of that paper. Specifically, there were two boys on that ship but I can't find mention as to who their parents were - they were John and William McLean? We are trying to find out where William lived from 1801, when he arrived, to 1814 when he married Margaret Chisholm, and who he lived with during those early years. We know he worked for Edward Mortimer as a clerk but that's all we know. If his parents were deceased, then was he on his own or did he live with relatives? Also, we're trying to find out what happened to the other McLeans on that ship - Donald, Mary, William (another one, listed as a farmer), Margaret, and Catherine. Where did they go? Also, is there a list of the passengers who did not make it to shore and died in the smallpox epidemic? [Readers who have information to share with Diane should contact the Editor of this publication].

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Christina (MacDonald) Warwick (1861 - 1949) of Stewartdale, Inverness County and Brockton, Massachusetts, at the time of her marriage in 1885 to Caleb Warwick.



John C. MacDonald (1878 - 1948) of Hillsborough; Butte, Montana; and California. Pictured in San Francisco, circa 1925.



Left: Theophilus J. Smith (1892 - 1963) of Hillsborough pictured with his half-brother, William MacDonald (1887 - 1963) of Hillsborough and Toronto. Photo taken in Trenton, N.S., circa 1912.



Elizabeth Amelia (Cameron) Kimball (1867 - 1938) of Mabou and Danvers, Massachusetts, with her daughter, Elsie, in 1898.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR YOUR CAPE BRETON ANCESTORS?

Roots Cape Breton is a computer-assisted research service for those in search of their Cape Breton roots. Through data extracted from census, cemetery, birth, marriage and death records, as well as other sources of information, the database provides researchers with information to assist them in their work.

Research may be carried out independently on-site (with or without assistance) or, our experienced staff can be contracted to carry out the research. The Roots office is physically located in the Visitor Centre at the Highland Village site near the village of Iona in Cape Breton.



Holdings & Research Aids

We have many types of records available. A growing computer database contains census, birth, marriage and death records of Cape Breton Island. The following Microfilm records are available:

- census records of 1811, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901
- birth and death records from 1864 - 1877
- marriage records from 1864 to1908
- Cape Breton Land Papers 1787 - 1843
- Land grants for Inverness, Richmond and Cape Breton Counties.

Published genealogies and histories of communities and counties are also available. For example:

•*MacDougall's History of Inverness County* •*All Call Iona Home* •*To the Hill of Boisdale* •*Mabou Pioneer Book I and II* •*History of Christmas Island Parish* •*History of Middle River* •*The Atlantic Canadians from 1600 - 1900* •*In the Morning - Veterans of Victoria County* •*Our Mountains and Glens - River Denys and Area.*

Unpublished genealogies, family histories, research files and periodicals referring to Cape Breton history and culture, are also located here. Roots Cape Breton is currently working on an exciting project to digitize all of its genealogical data. This project will be completed soon. Visit <http://museum.gov.ns.ca/hv/rootscb/roots.htm> from time to time to check for the launch date.

Research Fees*

If you choose to hire a researcher the following fees apply:

- Initial consultation to outline a research procedure: \$10.00
- Research done on-site without assistance: \$5.00/hr
- Research Contracted to Office Staff: \$20.00/hr
- Photocopies and computer printouts extra
- Special group rates are available for research tours, special and family groups outside regular business hours. For more information, contact the office.

(Confirmation of research and pre-payment of fees is required before contracted research is started. For Canadian customers only, 15% HST will be added to the fee.)

The Nova Scotia Highland Village Society is a non-profit, charitable organization which was incorporated under the Societies Act of Nova Scotia in 1959. The mission of the Society is to protect, interpret and further the collection of buildings and artifacts at the Nova Scotia Highland Village Site at Iona (a 43-acre Museum and Cultural complex which includes the Highland Village Living History Museum; Roots Cape Breton Genealogy and Family History Centre; Highland Village Gift Shop; and an outdoor entertainment and theatre facility); and to preserve and promote the Scottish Highland and Island culture as found in Nova Scotia. ❖

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

The Mincemeat recipe that appeared on page 15 of the previous issue of *The Participaper*, was originally extracted from an article written by Bernadette Campbell and published in the Autumn 1993 issue of *Am Braighe*.

Am Braighe is a Gaelic paper published here in Inverness County. A private sector publication, it has survived due to the sweat equity of many dedicated people. The Editor extends an apology to Bernadette and the staff of *Am Braighe* for failing to acknowledge their contribution.

**INVERNESS COUNTY LITERACY NETWORK
ADULT UPGRADING CLASSES 2003**

If you are 19 years of age or older, and interested in improving your reading, writing and/or math skills; preparing for the GED; or working toward your own personal goal, classes are available to you free of charge in the following communities:

Cheticamp:

Instructor: Clifford Maillet, 224-3552
Day & Time: Mon & Tue 6-9 pm

Inverness:

Instructor: Charlotte Campbell, 258-2787
Day & Time: Tue 6-9 pm
Instructor: Jesslyn Timmons, 258-2752
Day & Time: Thu 6-9 pm

Margaree Forks:

Instructor: Shirley Miller, 248-2960
Day & Time: Tue & Thu 6-9 pm

Port Hood:

Instructor, Day & Time: TBA

Pleasant Bay:

Instructor: Harry Habgood, 224-1947
Day & Time: Tue & Thu 2-4 pm

Meat Cove:

Instructor: TBA
Day & Time: Tue & Thu 6-9 pm

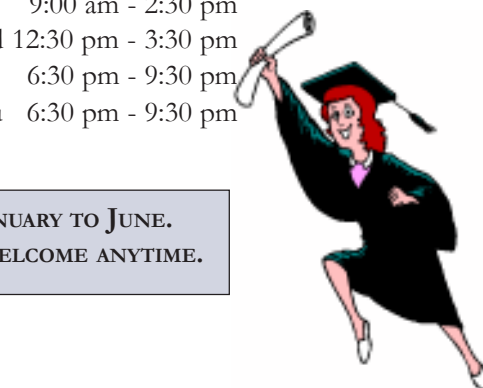
Whycocomagh:

Instructor, Day & Time: TBA

Port Hawkesbury:

Instructors: Elizabeth MacInnis & Josephine Beaton, 625-1599
Days & Times: Mon 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Tue 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
Wed 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Thu 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

CLASSES RUN FROM JANUARY TO JUNE.
NEW LEARNERS ARE WELCOME ANYTIME.



CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Email: amaceachern@invernessco.com

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COORDINATOR: GWEN O'NEIL
ASSISTANT COORDINATOR: NICOLE MANN
LOCATION: SAERC, Rm 306
PHONE: 625-1599 **FAX:** 625-3868
Email: phlc@strait.ednet.ns.ca

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING CLASSES IN YOUR COMMUNITY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE INSTRUCTOR IN YOUR AREA OR YOUR COMMUNITY COORDINATOR.



Classes are made possible through the cooperation of the Department of Education, Adult Education Division; the Strait Regional School Board; the Town of Port Hawkesbury; and the Municipality of the County of Inverness.

INVERNESS COUNTY RECREATION/TOURISM DEPARTMENT SPRING PROGRAMS 2003

REGISTRATION WEEK:
FEBRUARY 10 - 14, 2003



ALL COURSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 24TH, AND WILL RUN
FOR A MAXIMUM OF 10 WEEKS,
UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

The Inverness County Recreation Department is pleased to present its Spring 2003 Program Schedule, offering a wide variety of classes and workshops for children, youth, and adults. Whether your interest is in crafts, sports, health, fitness, music, or cooking, there is sure to be a class for you.

Registration and Payment of Courses:

You may register at the designated location in your community or you may put your fees in the mail. On-site registration week is **February 10 - 14**; mail-in registration will be accepted until Friday, February 21st. All mail-in registration will be considered **after walk-in** registration has been completed. Mail-in registration should be forwarded to the programmer in the community where the course is being offered. All courses begin the week of **February 24th**, unless

otherwise stated, and will run for a **maximum** of 10 weeks. We encourage you to register early as all courses must meet a minimum enrollment. Your registration may determine whether the course will be delivered.

Registration Policy and Course Cancellation:

Course admission is on a first come, first served basis. Although every effort is made to guarantee the successful delivery of a course, it is sometimes necessary to cancel a course due to low enrollment. In such cases a full refund will be issued from the Department of Recreation/Tourism. Please note that courses taking place in schools will be canceled on holidays and school cancellation days. For courses in other facilities, check with the local Programmer.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for other courses you would like to see offered, or if you would like to teach a course, contact your local programmer. General inquiries may be directed to the Recreation/Tourism Office at 787-3508.

Recreation & Continuing Education courses are made possible through the co-operation of the Strait Regional School Board and the Inverness County Recreation/Tourism Department.

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ PHONE: (H) _____ (W) _____

COURSE NAME: _____

LOCATION: _____ COURSE FEE: _____

**Make all cheques and money orders payable to:
Inverness County Recreation/Tourism Department
If you are pre-registering by mail send your payment and this form to:
Inverness County Recreation/Tourism Department
P.O. Box 179, Municipal Building
Port Hood, Nova Scotia, BOE 2W0**

INVERNESS COUNTY RECREATION COURSES - SPRING 2003

COURSE LOCATIONS ARE LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

CHÉTICAMP

REGISTRATION:

NDA School, Chéticamp

Register early as some courses have an early start .

PROGRAMMER:

Clifford Maillet

PO Box 900

Chéticamp, NS B0E 1H0

(902) 224-5300 (w)

(902) 224-3552 (h)

ADULT UPGRADING: If you are 19 yrs or older and interested in improving your reading, writing and/or math skills; preparing for the **GED**; or working toward your own personal goal, classes are available to you free of charge. Monday & Tuesday, 6-9 pm. Instructor: Clifford Maillet.

COMPUTER: Sessions on: DOS, WordPerfect, Internet, e-mail, etc. Instructor: Marcel LeBlanc. Fee: \$100.

OIL PAINTING: Beginner and advanced. Eight weeks. Instructor: Gilles Deveau. Fee: \$40 + materials.

STEP DANCING: Beginners-advanced. Instructor: Shara Martell. Children: 6 weeks/\$30. Adult 6 weeks/\$40.

PHYS ED: Co-ed. Non-instructional badminton. Monday & Thursday, 7-9 pm. Fee: \$2 per night.

AEROBICS: Beginner Monday & Wednesday, 6:45 - 7:15 pm. Tuesday & Thursday, 7-8 pm.. Fee: \$27/10 sessions or \$3.25/session.

YOGA: Levels 1 and 2. Mondays, 7 - 8:30 pm. Instructor: Carol LeBlanc. Fee: TBA.

VOLLEYBALL: Co-ed, non-instructional. Wednesday, 7 - 9 pm. Fee: \$10/person.

GEOGRAPHY: Tour the world in class. Instructor: Bill Crawford. Day/Time / Fee: TBA.

BABYSITTING COURSE:

For children ages 12 and older. Course is offered four afternoons (Monday - Thursday) from 2:30 - 4:30 pm. Fee: \$15 (includes book).

DANCE POPULAIRE

EUROPÉENNE: Tango, Waltz, Marche and Samba. 6 - 8 weeks. Instructor: Michel & Marguerite Paturel. Fee: \$30.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

COURSE: For drivers waiting to opt out of **Graduated Licensing**. Date: TBA. Fee: \$75.

COMPUTER COURSES:

From word-processing, web page creation, advanced internet usage, specific programs, etc. Instructor: Dennis Ganin. Fee: \$100/10 weeks, 25 hr. course.



GLENDALE

REGISTRATION:

Glendale Parish Hall

Monday, February 10

7:00 - 8:00 pm

PROGRAMMER:

Marion Gillis

RR #1 West Bay Road, NS

BOE 3LO

Phone: (902) 625-2357

QUILTING: Thursdays, starting February 20th, 7 - 9:30 pm. 4 weeks. "Rag Quilt", No hand-quilting required. Instructor: Delores Casey. Fee: \$10.

QUILTING WORKSHOP:

Reverse applique, for enthusiastic quilters. Do a wall hanging or table topper, 12 1/2 X 12 1/2 Poinsettia. Learn the simple technique in one day. (Skill level/confident beginner). Wednesday, April 24th, 10 am - 4 pm. Bring a lunch. Instructor: Betty Roberts. Fee: \$20.

TOLE PAINTING: Basic skills needed. Instructor: Edna MacDonald. Time/Date & Fee: TBA.

WEAVING: Saturdays, starting February 15th, 1 - 4 pm. Learn to thread the loom and make small articles using "tabby" and "twill". Instructor: Delores Casey. Fee: \$20. All materials provided.

OLD FASHIONED EIGHT-HAND CARD PLAY:

Come out and enjoy an afternoon of cards on March 2nd, 2 pm. No Fee.

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INVERNESS COUNTY RECREATION COURSES - SPRING 2003

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CHILDREN'S VALENTINE

CRAFTS: February 8th. 1 - 2:30 pm. Instructor: Delores Casey. Fee: \$2 (includes supplies).

CHILDREN'S EASTER

CRAFTS: April 12th - 1 - 2:30 pm. Instructor: Delores Casey. Fee: \$2 (includes supplies).

STEPDANCE: Children. Saturday, 11 am - 12 pm. Instructor: Wanda MacLean. Fee: \$20, plus \$5 for additional family members.

STRETCH & TONE EXERCISE CLASS: You choose your intensity level as the instructor on the video demonstrates low to high impact workouts. Multi level, beginner & intermediate. Tuesday & Thursday, 7 - 8 pm at the Glendale Parish Hall. Drop in fee: \$1.00/night.

LOW IMPACT STRETCH & TONE: Glendale Parish Hall, Mondays & Thursdays 7-8 pm. (using videos). Drop-in fee: \$1/night.

INVERNESS

REGISTRATION:

Inverness Academy
Tuesday, February 11
Thursday, February 13
7:00 - 8:00 pm

PROGRAMMER:

Anna Lee MacEachern
PO Box 546 Inverness, NS
BOE 1NO
Phone: (902) 258-2089

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improving your reading, writing, and/or math skills; preparing for the **GED**, or working toward your own personal goal, classes are available to you free of charge. Instructors: Charlotte Campbell & Jesslyn Timmons. Tuesday & Thursday, 6:00 - 9 pm. Fee: Materials only.

PLAYGROUP: A fun-filled program designed for preschoolers, consisting of crafts, songs, active games, stories, and making friends. Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 - 11:30 am, or 12:30 - 2:30 am. Ten weeks. Instructor: Michelle Miller. Fee: \$70/session.

CONVERSATIONAL

GAELIC: Learn everyday phrases. Wednesdays, 7 - 8 pm. 8 weeks. Instructor: A. MacKinnon. Fee: \$20.

CAKE DECORATING:

Learn creative tips and tricks of cake decorating and decorate cakes for all those special occasions...birthdays, anniversaries, holidays. Tuesday, 7 - 9 pm. Six weeks. Instructor: Kathleen Poirier. Fee: \$20 plus supplies.

KNITTING: Students will learn knitting abbreviations, needle conversion, tension and rules, casting on and off, reading patterns and knitting with more than one color. Project will be the choice of the student. Wednesdays 7 - 9 pm. 8 weeks. Instructor: Dorothy Saunders. Fee: \$25.

COOKING - THE BASIC

SERIES: Instructor: Brooks Hart. (Maximum 15 participants)

(1) Sauces to Make while the Pasta Cooks - If it's Wednesday, it must be pasta. A staple in more than just Italian kitchens; the quick fix pasta dinner has made it's way into most busy weeknight menus on a regular basis. But why limit yourself to those one or two familiar sauces. Here are some new ones to add dazzle to the everyday. Wednesday, **February 27th**, 6:30 - 9 pm. Fee: \$25.

(2) Quick Fish Recipes for Spring & Summer Cooking -

Fish is low in fat, matches well with a wide range of sauces, marinades & seasonings, is easy to prepare and cooks extremely quickly. This class will tell you everything you need to know about marinating fish, how to judge the freshness of fish, which cooking technique will work the best for each type of fish, and how to tell when fish has been perfectly cooked. Wednesday, **March 5th**, 6:30 - 9 pm. Fee: \$30.

(3) Greens, Oils and Vinegar...Could it be Salad? -

Brooks' inventive use of seasonal produce and flavors will open your mind to possibilities far beyond the typical tossed greens or macaroni salad on a menu. Let's talk flavorful olive oil, aged vinegars, selected greens, roasted garlic and don't forget pink peppercorns! Wednesday, **March 26th**, 6:30 - 9 pm. Fee: \$25.

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WOODWORKING: Choose your own project, e.g. coffee table, end table, bookcase. 6 weeks. Thursday, 6 - 9 pm. Instructor: Charles Johnston. Fee \$60.

GARDENING FOR BEGINNERS: Saturday, April 5, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. (meeting room at Stella Maris Parish office). This workshop will provide you with information on soil testing and preparation, raised garden beds and more. Instructor: Terry MacDonald. Fee:\$5

WINE MAKING WORKSHOP: If you've been thinking of making your own wine from a kit or fresh fruits and vegetables, this workshop is for you. Topics covered will include an overview of the equipment you will need, the different types of commercial kits available, sterilization of equipment, racking procedures, no fail recipes, plus many more helpful tips. Thursday, February 27th, 7 - 9 pm. Instructor: Gordon Gillis. Fee: \$5.

ART: (Adults) Fine tune your artistic talents while improving your drawing and sketching ability. Allow a qualified instructor to introduce you to the world of Art. Wednesday, 7 - 9 pm. Seven weeks. Instructor: Virginia McCoy. Fee: \$40 (All materials provided).

COMPUTER: This course will allow the participant to gain confidence with computers while they learn the basics of Word Perfect, E-mail, & Internet.

8 weeks. Tuesday. 7:30 - 9 pm. Instructor: Glenn MacEachern. Fee \$60.

GUITAR: Ages 16 - adult. This course is designed to provide individual instruction within an informal small group setting. You will learn the fret board, basic music theory, chord structures, and rhythm. Tuesday, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Eight weeks. Instructor: Glenn MacEachern. Fee: \$30.

CHANTER: Adults - Instructor: Sandra Watson. Children - Instructor: Marie MacDonald. Time: TBA. Fee: \$50 for 10 half-hour lessons.

BABYSITTING TRAINING COURSE: Sponsored by the Red Cross Safety Council. Learn the skills of babysitting creatively and safely. Topics to be covered will be emergency first aid, how to feed, change and nurture a child, what to do in emergency situations, the rights and responsibilities of babysitters and what important information to gather from guardians. Wednesday, February 26th & Thursday, February 27th, 6 - 9 pm. Ages 11 - 16. Instructor: John Begin. Fee: \$15.

EMERGENCY FIRST AID: Course provides the basic skills necessary to deal with "time priority" emergency situations. Information includes: Emergency Medical Systems and Principles, Cardiovascular Emergencies, and Musculoskeletal Injuries. March 3, 4, & 5. Time: 6 - 9 pm. Instructor: John Begin. Fee \$45.

WHMIS: This workshop provides the attendee with the understanding of the elements of WHMIS regulations, chemical hazards and the control of these hazards. Focus is placed on the practical management of a WHMIS program in the workplace. March 19, 6 - 9 pm. Instructor: Norman MacDougall. Fee: \$15.

B.O.A.T. OPERATOR: 8-hour course covering basic safe boating rules. Upon completion you will receive certification as a boat operator. March 19 & 20, 5:30 - 9:30 pm. Instructor: Eric LeFort. Fee: \$50.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE: For drivers waiting to opt out of **Graduated Licensing**. Date: TBA. Instructor: Young Drivers of Canada. Fee: \$75.

AEROBICS: You choose your intensity level as the instructor demonstrates low to high impact. Includes warm-up and cool down. Multi-level, beginner to advanced. Monday/Wednesday, 6 - 7 pm. Ten weeks. Instructor: Vikki MacEachern. Fee: \$20 - once a week/\$30 - twice a week.

ADULT BADMINTON: Co-ed Adult program. Monday/Wednesday. Beginner/Intermediate, 7 - 9 pm. Ten weeks. Instructor: Paula Doucet. Fee: \$20.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL: Sunday, 7 - 9 pm. Instructor: G. MacInnis. Fee: \$10.

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ADULT BOOT CAMP

TRAINING: A co-ed fitness workout that includes 30 minutes of cardiovascular exercises and 30 minutes of strength training and stretching. This program is designed for all ages and levels of physical fitness. Tuesday and Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Instructor: Charlene O'Neil. Fee: \$20 - once a week/\$30 - twice a week.

STUDENT BOOT CAMP

TRAINING: Grades 6, 7, & 8. A co-ed fitness workout that includes 25 minutes of cardiovascular exercises and 20 minutes of strength training and stretching. This program is designed for students ages 11-14. 8 weeks. Wednesdays, 3:15 - 4:00. Instructor: Sean Gibson. Fee: \$10.

BEGINNER GOLF FOR

WOMEN: Get ready to play on the Links of Inverness. You will learn the rules of the game, proper etiquette, terminology, equipment, stance, grip, swing, chipping and putting. **Beginning April 22**, Tuesday, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Instructor: Wayne MacDonald. Fee: \$20.

INTERMEDIATE GOLF:

This class will further develop your golf skills but will concentrate on the areas you are having difficulty in, such as slicing, hooking, chipping. **Beginning April 22**, Tuesday, 8:00 - 9:00 pm. Instructors: Jim Ryan & Wayne MacDonald. Fee: \$20.

JUDIQUÉ

REGISTRATION:

**Judique Community Centre
Tuesday, February 11
Thursday, February 13
7:30 - 8:30 pm**

PROGRAMMERS:

**Donna MacDonald
RR 2, Judique, NS
BOE 1PO
Phone: (902) 787-2927**

Eileen Smith

**Judique, NS
BOE 1PO
(902) 787-2358**

CHILDREN'S

STEPDANCING: Ages 5 and up. 6 weeks. Wednesdays 6 - 7 pm. Begins March 18. Instructor: Mary Ann MacIntyre, 787-2306. 6 weeks. Fee: \$30.

CO-ED FITNESS CLASS: 10 weeks, Tuesdays & Fridays 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Begins March 18. Half-hour of low impact aerobics and half-hour of trim and tone. Minimum of 10 or program cancelled. Instructor: Loretta Fox. Fee: \$40.

CRAFT & QUILTING

NIGHT: Start date, March 5th. 8 weeks. Wednesdays 7 - 9 pm. Need help with a craft(s) you have started and didn't finish or are you looking to start something new? Your choice. Instructor: Mary McNamara, 625-0892. Fee: \$20

BABYSITTER TRAINING

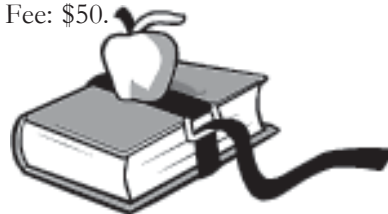
COURSE: Learn the skills of babysitting creatively and safely. Topics to be covered will be emergency first aid, how to feed, change and nurture a child, what to do in emergency situations, the rights and responsibilities of babysitters and what important information to gather from guardians. Boys and Girls ages 11 - 16. Saturday, April 12, 9 am to 3 pm. Handbook and certificate upon completion. Registration in February necessary to determine order of books and certificates. Minimum of 6 participants must register or course will be cancelled. Instructor: Joyce MacDonald. Fee: \$20.

EMERGENCY FIRST AID:

Course provides the basic skills necessary to deal with "time priority" emergency situations. Information includes Emergency Medical Systems and Principles, Cardiovascular Emergencies, and Musculoskeletal Injuries. Total of 3 evenings, March 11, 12, & 13. Time: 6 - 9 pm. Instructor: John Begin. Fee: \$45

B.O.A.T. OPERATOR:

8-hour course covering basic safe boating rules. Upon completion you will receive certification as a boat operator. March 12 & 19, 5:30 - 9:30 pm. Instructor: Eric LeFort. Fee: \$50.



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MABOU

REGISTRATION:

Dalbrae Academy
Tuesday, February 11
Wednesday, February 12
6:30 - 7:30 pm

PROGRAMMER:

Eddie MacNeil
P.O. Box 68, Mabou, NS
B0E 1X0
PHONE: (902) 945-2493

INTRODUCTION TO

COMPUTERS: Introduction to Windows 98, e-mail, internet, word processing & spreadsheets.

Tuesdays 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

Instructor: Stanley Cameron.

Fee: \$50/10 wks.

PLAYGROUP: A fun-filled program designed for pre-schoolers, consisting of crafts, songs, active games, stories, and making friends. Thursday & Fridays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Instructor: Cheryl MacQuarrie. Eight weeks. Fee: \$75.

TAI CHI: This is an ancient form of Chinese exercise that will improve posture, blood circulation & concentration. This class will also help to relax mind and body and reduce stress. 10 weeks, 2 nights/week. Monday, 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Instructor: Daniel Cote. Fee: \$95.

SWISS BALL: Instructor: Brenda Rankin. Tuesday, 7 - 9pm. Fee: \$20.

VOLLEYBALL: Fee: \$10. Non-instructional.

WALKING CLASS: 7 - 9 pm.
Fee: \$10.

BASKETBALL: Instructor: Cyril Chisholm. Fee: \$10.

MARGAREE/ BELLE COTE

REGISTRATION:

Cape Breton Highlands Academy
Monday, February 10
Tuesday, February 11
7:00 - 8:00 pm

CONTACT:

Jeanette Cameron
Belle Cote, NS
BOE 1C0
PHONE: (902) 235-2857

ADULT UPGRADING: If you are 19 yrs or older and interested in improving your reading, writing and/or math skills; preparing for the **GED**; or working toward your own personal goal, classes are available to you free of charge. Tuesday & Thursday, 6-9 pm. Instructor: Shirley Miller. Phone 248- 2960.

WINE MAKING WORK-

SHOP: If you've been thinking of making your own wine from a kit or fresh fruits and vegetables, this workshop is for you. Topics covered will include an overview of the equipment you will need, the different types of commercial kits available, sterilization of equipment, racking procedures, no fail recipes, plus many more helpful tips. Thursday, March 6th, 7 - 9 pm. Minimum 6 people.

Instructor: Gordon Gillis.
Fee: \$5.

QUILTING : Rotary Cutting Skills, Twisting Star Table Runner. List of materials required will be made available at registration, Saturday, March 22nd (storm date March 29th). CBECA, 9 am - 4 pm. Bring a lunch. Fee: \$30.00. Instructor: Margie MacIsaac. Ph: 258-2338.

SEWING: Wednesdays, 6:30 - 9:30 pm. Maximum 8 people. Instructor: Claudia Fortune. Fee: \$30.

CRAFT WORKSHOP: Old fashioned Santa. Saturday, April 15th, 9 am - 4 pm. Bring a lunch. Maximum 8 people. List of materials required will be made available at registration. Instructor: Claudia Fortune. Fee: \$30.

WOODWORKING: Tuesdays 6 - 9 pm. 6 weeks. Instructor: Charles Johnson. Fee: \$60, plus materials.

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL: Non-instructional. Tuesdays, 8 - 9:30 pm. Fee: \$10.

BADMINTON: Co-ed, non-instructional. Thursdays, 8 - 9:30 pm. Fee: \$10.

INDOOR WALKING: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8 - 9 pm. Fee is only for new walkers; present walkers are paid up for this session. 1 night - \$5.00, 2 nights - \$7.50, 3 nights - \$10.00. Fee is for ten weeks.

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MEAT COVE

REGISTRATION:

**Meat Cove CAP Site &
Welcome Centre
Tuesday, February 11
Wednesday, February 12
6:30 - 7:30 pm**

PROGRAMMER:

**Derrick MacLellan
General Delivery
Meat Cove
BOE 1E0
PHONE: (902) 383-2281**

ADULT UPGRADING: If you are 19 yrs or older and interested in improving your reading, writing and/or math skills; preparing for the **GED**; or working toward your own personal goal. Classes are available to you free of charge two days wk /3 hrs per day.

THE PARTICIPAPER ACCEPTS UNSOLICITED ARTICLES, PHOTOGRAPHS, ARTWORK, POETRY, AND OTHER WORK DEEMED TO BE OF A NON-COMMERCIAL NATURE AND OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO INVERNESS COUNTY RESIDENTS. ALL SUBMISSIONS CONSIDERED FOR PUBLICATION. CONTACT THE EDITOR FOR MORE INFORMATION.



The Participaper

PLEASANT BAY

REGISTRATION:

**Pleasant Bay Family Centre & Library
Tuesday, February 11
3:30 - 4:30 and 6 - 8 pm
Thursday, February 13
3:30 - 4:30 and 6 - 8 pm**

PROGRAMMER:

**Anna Moore
42 Harbour Road
Pleasant Bay, NS
B0E 2P0
Phone: (902) 224-1512**

ADULT UPGRADING: If you are 19 yrs or older and interested in improving your reading, writing and/or math skills; preparing for the **GED**; or working toward your own personal goal, classes are available to you free of charge. 12 weeks (twice a week). Facilitator: Harry Habgood. No fee.

SIMPLY ACCOUNTING:

This software program can help with all your bookkeeping needs. Facilitator: Lenora Timmons. Tuesdays 7 - 9 pm. 10 Weeks. Fee: \$50.

TAE BO: Take some time out of your busy schedule for some high energy aerobics. This trendy sport is based on kick-boxing and gives a terrific overall workout. Thursdays, 6 pm. Instructor: Joanie MacIntosh. Fee: \$50.

TOURISM & HOSPITALITY:

This is a non-certificate course to

introduce you to the tourism, travel & hospitality industry. Important research techniques, travel information, industry standards, etc., will help individuals working in the field or planning to open their own business. Seminars with "outside" speakers from different levels of tourism will be invited to participate and encourage participants in their own area of business or interest. Facilitator: Amy Timmons. 10 Weeks (once a week). Fee: \$25.

T.O.P.S. (Taking off Pounds Sensibly): The Pleasant Bay Chapter is inviting individuals who are interested in participating in a support group that focuses on making healthier living choices. We incorporate physical fitness activities and fun contests into our everyday lives to encourage wonderful results. Leader: Anna Moore. Mondays, 9:00 am. Fee: \$25 (Yearly Fee to Parent Organization) + \$2 a Meeting.

YOGA: Introduction to Yoga. A class for all ages and levels of fitness. Tuesdays, 3:00 pm. Instructor: Gabrielle. Fee: \$20 (ten weeks).

DRAMA: Come and join the brand new theatre group in Pleasant Bay with instructor: Ann Hart. Ann has several years experience in theatre, art and drama. Saturdays, 3 pm. Fee: Adults/\$25, Children/\$20.



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ART CLASSES: Start by drawing with charcoal, pencil or ink. In a few weeks you can progress to watercolor. The artist enjoys many different mediums and has 30 years experience in teaching art classes. She will accept individuals at all levels. Facilitator: Ann Hart. Saturdays, 1 pm. 10 Weeks. Fee: \$25/adults, \$20/children (Materials extra.)

PHOTOGRAPHY: Introduction to the world of photography. Learn how to use a camera properly, focus on your subject and have fun in an exciting and creative way. Fridays, 7 pm. Instructor: Arlie Fitzgerald. Fee: \$25.

CROCHET: Would you like to learn how to make those beautiful heirlooms that your Grandmother owns - sign up for this crocheting class and create your own afghans, doilies, tablecloths, collars, etc. Thursday, 3 pm. Instructor: Brenda Fitzgerald. Fee: \$25.

CLOTHING ALTERATIONS: This course is for people who want to repair their own clothing. You will work on a different project each week, and you may take your own project to class if you wish. You must bring your own sewing machine to class, unless you have a hand project you wish to complete. Mondays, 3 pm. Instructor: Anna Moore. Fee: \$25.

PORT HOOD

REGISTRATION:
Bayview Education Centre
Tuesday, February 11th
Thursday, February 13th
6 pm - 7 pm

PROGRAMMER:
Leona Gillies
PO Box 8,
Port Hood, NS
BOE 2WO
Phone: (902) 787-2669

ADULT UPGRADING: If you are 19 yrs or older and interested in improving your reading, writing and/or math skills; preparing for the **GED**; or working toward your own personal goal, classes are available to you free of charge. Tuesday & Thursday, 6 - 9 pm. Instructor: Joyce MacDonald.

CONVERSATIONAL GERMAN 1: This course is designed for those interested in learning how to communicate in German. You will learn basic conversational skills and phrases with an emphasis on listening and speaking. Thursdays, 7 - 8 pm. 10 wks. Instructor: Elvi Kargoll. Fee \$30 (minimum 6 participants).

CONVERSATIONAL GERMAN 2: This course is designed for those interested in continuing to learn how to communicate in the German language. You will learn further basic conversational skills and phrases with an empha-

sis on listening and speaking. Tuesday 7 - 8 pm. Instructor: Elvi Kargoll. Fee \$30.

STEP DANCE: Here is your chance to learn traditional Cape Breton stepdancing. Children ages 5 & up Tuesdays, 6 - 7 pm. 8 weeks. Instructor: Cheryl MacQuarrie. Fee: \$35.

AEROBICS: Step-aerobics, including use of weights. Tuesdays 8 - 9 pm. 6 weeks. Instructor: Janet VanZutphen. Fee: \$25 (with own step) \$30 without.

CO-ED ADULT VOLLEYBALL: Non-instructional. Day and Time: TBA. Fee: \$10.

CO-ED ADULT BADMINTON: Non-instructional. Day and Time: TBA. Fee: \$10.

BASKETBALL: Boys and girls grades 3-5 and 6-8. 10 classes. Instructor: Melody MacDonald. Day and Time: TBA. Fee: \$20.00.

WALKING: Need motivation of a group to get out walking? Come and join the Port Hood Walking club. Use the comfort of the indoors when it is inclement and walk outdoors and enjoy the beautiful October colours during the Fall. Fee: \$10.



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SCOTSVILLE SCHOOL OF CRAFTS

REGISTRATION:

Scotsville School of Crafts
Monday, February 10,
7 :00 - 8:00 PM
Friday, February 14,
12:00 - 2:00 PM.

PROGRAMMER:

Verna MacMillan
3054 Route #395,
East Lake Ainslie
BOE 3M0
Phone: (902) 258-2278
email:
verna.ruby@ns.sympatico.ca

Mondays

***Knitting for Beginners**, or bring your own pattern. 8 weeks. beginning February 24th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Instructor: Dorothy Saunders. Fee \$25.00 (plus materials).

Tuesdays

***Beginner Weaving**. Want to try your hand at weaving? In this beginner course you will be taught basic weaving skills. You will be introduced to looms and learn how they work. You will learn how to make a warp, dress a loom and you will weave a sampler and project of your choice. You will also be shown how to interpret weaving drafts and drawdowns. Challenging but no stress. Lots of fun!! Classes begin February 25, 7:00 - 10:00 pm. 8 Weeks. Instructor: Eileen MacNeil. Fee: \$35.00 (plus materials).

The Participaper

***Use of Adobe Page Maker Software**. 7:00 - 9:00 pm. 8 weeks. Instructor: Barrie Fraser. \$10.00 per session

Wednesdays

***Digital Camera**, basic lesson on the operation of digital cameras in general and the operation of our NEW Digital Camera, easy to learn. Then camera can be rented \$5.00 per day. 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Instructor: Jack Tilsley. Fee \$10.00 per session.

***Watercolour Painting** - Beginning March 6, 8 weeks. Step by step instruction, including drawing techniques, mixing colours. 7 - 9:00 pm. Instructor: Barrie Fraser. Fee \$35.00 (plus materials).



Saturdays

***Lets Weave!!** Intermediate Weaving classes. 8 Weeks. Begins March 1, 2003. This round of classes will focus on profile drafts, block design and overshot weaving. Projects will be overshot of your choice. Lets weave!! 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Instructor: Eileen MacNeil. Fee: \$35.00 (plus materials).

***Adobe Photoshop**. 6 weeks. Begins March 1, 2003. Adobe Photoshop is a program that allows even beginners to create stunning images. Things that before could only be accomplished by professionals with extensive darkroom equipment. This photo editing course will cover working with digital images from scanners or digital cameras. Contents will include making basic corrections for colour, contrast, cropping and perspective, etc., through to creating blended images with layers and simulating artistic painting effects. Other topics will include colour theory, how to use advanced tools such as histograms and curves, focus and sharpening, image resolution and printing. 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon. Instructor: Larry Emond. Fee \$10.00 per session.

One Day Workshops and Programs:

Wednesday, February 26, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. ***Pierced Lampshade**. Instructor: Bea Tilsley. Fee \$20.00 (plus materials).

Saturday, March 15, 1:00 - 4:00 pm. ***Rainbow Wool Dyeing**. Hands-on painting skeins of wool with dye, also "Koolaid" wool dyeing. Instructor: Judy Lincoln. Fee \$10.00.

Saturday, March 15, 1:00 - 4:00 pm. ***Australian Locker Rug Hooking**. Locker hooking originated in Britain during the late 1800's. It consists of hook-

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 ing with heavy yarn or rovings and a special hook about 6" long with an eye on one end and a large crochet hook on the other. Uncut loops of wool are anchored down on the canvas by a fine locking yarn carried in the eye of the locker hook. Locker hooking can be used not only for rugs, but pillows, handbags, wall hangings, seat covers, hot pads, and mats. It makes durable, warm and cushiony material. Instructor: Cate Lake-Thompson. Fee: TBA.

Saturday, March 15, 7:00 pm.

***Scrabble Night.** Bring your board, if possible. Refreshments served. Organizer: Verna MacMillan.



Friday, March 29, 7:00 pm.

***Euchre Night.** Refreshments served. I am attempting to organize a Euchre Club with regular nights for playing. If you are interested, please call or email organizer: Verna MacMillan.

***Web Page Construction:**

Date, time and fee to be announced. Instructor: Vince Jessome.

***Internet & e mail for Beginners.** Learn the basics, hints for browsing, how to find what you want, get your own email address, sending and receiving email,

downloading, copying or printing information from the internet, question and answer, and more. Date, time and fee to be announced. Instructor: Rob Smith.

***Windows 95/98** Basic use, tips for creating and saving documents, how to find what you have saved, copying, printing, questions and answers and more. Date, time and fee to be announced. Instructor: Margaret Herbert.

***Microsoft Office Package:** Word, Power Point and Excel. Date, time and fee to be announced. Instructor: Margaret Herbert.

***Quicken Bookkeeping:** basic use. Date, time and fee to be announced. Instructor: Jack Tilsley.

WHYCOCOMAGH

REGISTRATION:

Whycocomagh Education Centre

Monday, February 10

7:00 - 8:00 pm

PROGRAMMER:

Burton MacIntyre

131 Main Street

Whycocomagh, NS

B0E 3M0

Phone: (902) 756-2769

ADULT UPGRADING: If you are 19 yrs or older and interested in improving your reading, writing and/or math skills; preparing for the **GED**; or working toward



your own personal goal, classes are available to you free of charge two evenings per week.

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING:

This is a sixty-minute program of Yoga, Weight Conditioning, and Stretching, with 20 minutes focussing on strengthening & toning muscles and building stronger bones. Monday, 6 - 7 pm. 6 weeks. Instructor: Darlene Ellis. Fee: \$25.

WALKING FOR FITNESS

INDOORS: A vigorous walking program using large muscle movement. You may be walking in place or moving side to side, all the time receiving maximum cardiovascular benefit. Monday 7 - 8 pm. 6 weeks. Instructor Darlene Ellis. Fee: \$25.

TAE BO: This is a form of Tae Kwon Do, Kick Boxing and Aerobic movement. This type of exercise is very effective in sculpting and losing inches all over the body, as well as a great cardiovascular workout. Wednesday, 7 - 8 pm. 6 weeks. Instructor Darlene Ellis. Fee: \$25.

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STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING 2: This is a sixty-minute program of Yoga, Weight Conditioning, and Stretching, with 20 minutes focussing on strengthening & toning muscles and building stronger bones. Wednesday, 8 - 9 pm. 6 weeks. Instructor: Darlene Ellis. Fee: \$25.

STEPDANCING: Tuesdays, Beginner & Intermediate. Instructor: Stephanie MacDonald. Fee: \$40.

STAINED GLASS WORKSHOPS: Create your own stained glass piece. Tuesdays, 6 - 9 pm. February 25th - Eagle. March 4th - Boat. March 24th - Lighthouse. April 1st - Tulip. Minimum number of participants - 6 and maximum number of participants - 8. Fee: \$20/class (supplies provided).



**CHECK THE INVERNESS
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UPDATES TO SPRING
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INFORMATION**

INVERNESS COUNTY LITERACY NETWORK ADULT UPGRADING CLASSES

Application forms for the Inverness County Literacy Network Adult Upgrading Classes, are available at the Recreation/Tourism Office at the Municipal Building in Port Hood.

On-going instruction is planned to begin in January and run until June. There is no registration fee for these courses, but there is a fee for the materials used. For further information contact the course instructor for your area as listed on page 8 of this issue.



*CLASSES ARE MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, ADULT EDUCATION DIVISION; THE
STRAIT REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD; THE TOWN OF PORT
HAWKESBURY AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
INVERNESS.*

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Volunteer Run Enterprise

HOW MUCH OF AN ISSUE IS LITERACY FOR CANADIANS?

Studies show that 22% of adult Canadians have serious problems dealing with printed material. A further 24-26% can only deal with simple reading texts. That means over 10 million Canadians are working at marginal or modest levels of literacy. Those who are more literate are likely to have better jobs, have higher levels of productivity and earnings, and are less vulnerable to unemployment.

LITERACY MATTERS

According to *Knowledge Matters* (a recent discussion paper put out by HRDC), one in four high school graduates 16-25 years old, have literacy skills that fall below the generally accepted minimums for further learning, effectively blocking a large number of youth from post-secondary programs.

Eighty percent of seniors fall into the lowest literacy category and, as a result, are more likely to have health problems and have more difficulty maintaining their safety, independence and self-esteem.

Literacy is not an isolated condition but one that is linked to poverty, poor health, high unemployment and crime rates, justice, self-esteem, confidence, family dynamics, social participation and overall quality of life.

Low literacy affects nutrition, mental health and the ability to prevent illness and contributes significantly to stress. Low literacy makes it difficult for parents to access parenting information, nurture their child's learning and help them succeed at school.

"Since literacy is about all of us, the challenge for Canadian society is to truly become a culture of life long learning." -
Movement for Canadian Literacy.

Obviously, literacy is a significant issue for Canadians. We have a responsibility as employers, community members, service providers and individuals, to be aware of literacy issues and demonstrate sensitivity to those who

may not have high literacy levels.

We need to be informed of the opportunities available to improve literacy skills. We need to be the force which encourages those who would benefit from programs to pursue them. We need to adopt an attitude that reflects the importance of lifelong learning. The members of the Inverness County Literacy Network would be delighted to assist you with your literacy concerns. Call us!

"Lack of literacy skills poses a significant barrier to integration and reintegration into the labor market. More than 40% of working age Canadians lack the basic literacy skills required for successful participation in our rapidly changing economy." -
Knowledge Matters (HRDC Discussion Paper).

"Active living improves health and reduces the risk of disease. Together, recreation and health are central to our quality of life."1998 Canadian Fitness & Lifestyle Research Institute

ATTENTION COUCH POTATOES EVERYWHERE!

The proportion of Canadians aged 25 to 55 who are not physically active enough to meet the guidelines for sufficient physical activity set out in *Canada's Physical Activity Guide to Healthy Active Living* ranges from 59% to 73%, depending on the province or territory of residence. This indicates that in every part of the country there is cause for alarm, and that action must be taken to address the problems concomitant with a sedentary lifestyle.

The key message from these statistics is that the majority of adults in each province and territory are inactive, and that physical inactivity has become a major issue in every part of the country. The recent commitment of Health Canada and all provinces and territories to reduce sedentary living in Canada is timely. The World Health Organization says that if sedentary living is left unchecked, "dramatic decreases in life expectancy combined with dramatic changes in lifestyle [will] lead to global epidemics of cancer and other chronic diseases." (Reprinted from 1998 *Canadian Fitness & Lifestyle Research Institute*).

ATTENTION GENEALOGISTS:

The following information has been provided by Jo Currie, genealogist and historian and a member of the "Isle of Mull listserve" (SCT-ISLEOFMULL-L@rootsweb.com) on the Internet:

Notice of a book of interest to those conducting historical research relevant to ancestors in Mull: The Edinburgh (Scotland) publishers, "Birlinn", have just published a new edition of a 19th century book, *Reminiscences of a Highland Parish* by Norman Macleod, under the title *Morvern - a Highland Parish*. This new book is edited by Iain Thornber, who lives in Morvern and is a historian of the area. The book, *Reminiscences of a Highland Parish*, was immensely popular when it was first published in 1867 - mainly because ministers were held in high esteem, and it was about a minister's family with lots of children who did well, several of them becoming distinguished in the church.

The parish of Morvern is so closely connected with Mull that many people with Mull ancestors will find that they are connected with Morvern families. This is where Iain Thornber's work as editor is so important, for he has reproduced the text with extensive notes about the people, whose identity in the original was very often fudged over by the author, to protect individual privacy.

There are 43 pages of notes as well as appendices with the 1779 (Duke's) Census of Morvern and the 1841 census of Morvern with all the names of families, many of whom were to be evicted in the 1840s, and many who went to Tobermory and were "naturalised" as Mull people.

The book also contains the famous list of officers from Mull and Morvern who served in the Napoleonic wars. If you haven't read the book before, in one of its previous incarnations (it went through many editions in the late 19th century), here is the very best form to read it in. I found the notes alone entirely riveting, and the early photographs, from the editor's own collection, quite fascinating.

Between the pawky humour of the original, often short on historical fact, and the excellent notes, which fill in the historical background, you will find much to inform you as well as to keep you amused.

The two areas of Mull and Morvern are so close in terms of culture and kinship that you cannot fail to benefit from a reading of this book. Chapter 8 alone is a brilliant essay on the characteristics of Highlanders of this area. I hope you will ask Genealogy Societies to get the book, as it adds to our knowledge of Mull.

The ISBN is 1 84158 237 9. It costs £9.99 in the UK and \$17.95 in the USA. I think you can find out more from info@birlinn.co.uk

ATTENTION WOODLOT OWNERS!

**Are you interested in finding out how to maximize the benefit of your woodlands?
Do you have concerns about the legal aspects of owning and maintaining your land?
If yes, you may be interested in attending the upcoming Eastern Woodlot Owners Conference on:**

Saturday, March 8th, 2003
9:00-3:00pm
Keating Millennium Centre
Antigonish, NS

Cost: Registration cost includes lunch
.. \$10.00 Pre-registration
.. \$15.00 Registration on Conference day



To receive your registration package contact Veronica or Francis at Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency (902) 625-3929 or e-mail vmacdona@strait-highlands.ns.ca

NOMINATION GUIDELINES FOR VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

1. An organization or individual may nominate one (1) volunteer.
2. Choose only nominees who have never before been recognized by the Municipality through this program or who have not been recognized in the previous 10 years, 1993-2002. (If you are unsure if a volunteer has been recognized, contact the Recreation/Tourism office.)
3. The volunteer must reside or perform volunteer work in the Municipality of Inverness County.
4. The nominations must be accompanied by a clearly written or typed description (100-150 words) of the nominee's present and past volunteer involvement. (If you are nominating a volunteer who was also recognized prior to 1993, please highlight the individual's most recent contributions.)
5. A photo is optional. Please send only recent colour photos that are clear and good quality. If you wish a photo returned, attach a return address to the back of the photo.
6. All volunteer articles and photos will be featured in the May issue of *The Participaper*.
7. Deadline for receipt of all nominations is April 7, 2003. Any nominations after that date will be placed on a list for recognition in 2004.
8. Nominations received on or before March 14, 2003 will be eligible to have their name drawn to be chosen to represent Inverness County at Provincial Ceremonies scheduled to take place in Halifax on April 25.
9. An invitation to the Municipal Ceremonies will be mailed to the volunteer in early April. The nominating group will also receive an invitation for one of it's members to accompany the volunteer. That invitation can be turned over to the volunteer's family member, friend, etc., if the nominating group wishes to do so.

NOMINATION FORM VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION 2003

Volunteer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (h) _____ Phone (w) _____

Organization or Individual Nominating: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone (h) _____ Phone (w) _____

Please forward, along with the volunteer's write-up to:

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION
INVERNESS COUNTY RECREATION/TOURISM DEPT
PO BOX 179, PORT HOOD, NS B0E 2W0

AN INVITATION TO CELEBRATE OUR UNSUNG HEROES



Our country is full of people worth celebrating. They're our neighbours - people who care about others, citizens who give more than they take. These individuals are found all over Canada and are an inspiration to others.

The Governor General's Caring Canadian Award was created in 1996 to recognize the unsung heroes of our society—those who quietly care for others on a voluntary basis. This award honours Canadians for unpaid, voluntary activities, most often behind-the-scenes at the community level. They have given extraordinary help or care to individuals, families or groups, or supported community service or humanitarian causes. Recipients usually have been involved in these activities for several years and have not received a national or provincial honour.

To date the Governor General has honoured more than 600 Canadians across the country. Most of these individuals have devoted years to volunteer activities within their community. We know, however, that there are many other Canadians who spend hours each week helping out in various organizations for the betterment of their community and fellow citizens. We want to locate these volunteers - anyone may submit a nomination. There is no deadline for submissions and recipients are announced periodically.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S CARING CANADIAN AWARD QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q. How is someone chosen as a recipient of the Caring Canadian Award?

A. An independent Advisory Committee made up of Canadians from across the country meets to review submissions, and recipients are announced periodically.

Q. What should a person keep in mind when completing a nomination form?

A. A good nomination will use plain language to tell the Committee what your nominee has done and how the contribution has helped others. If available, a current biographical sketch which includes dates of active participation in organizations, and any awards or honours earned by the nominee, is useful to the Advisory Committee. If letters of support or the names of two or three persons who are familiar with the candidate are offered, it helps reduce the required research time.

Q. What kind of biographical information is necessary to describe a candidate?

A. The dates and details about the candidates' unpaid work and how it has affected their community and fellow citizens provide the Committee with a valuable decision-making tool.

Q. Do candidates have to be Canadian citizens?

A. Yes.

Q. Is it possible for a group of people to be considered for an award?

A. Yes; however, every person in the group must have contributed equally to be eligible.

Q. Is there any age requirement?

A. No. Young people are particularly welcome.

Q. Do candidates have to be active volunteers when being considered for an award?

A. No; however, their past voluntary contributions should have been extensive.

Q. How does the decision-making process work?

A. Once a nomination for a candidate is received, research is undertaken to confirm facts and then a summary of information about each candidate is presented to the Advisory Committee for review. The Committee submits their choices of recipients to the Governor General, who has the right to accept or decline their suggestions.

Q. How long does the process take?

A. A year is not an uncommon time period to research an award candidate.

For more information or nomination forms, please don't hesitate to consult our website at www.gg.ca or contact the Program Manager at 1-800-465-6890.



2003 INVERNESS COUNTY FESTIVALS & EVENTS

EVENT	LOCATION	HWY	DATE(S)
CEILIDH TRAIL:			
Family Square Dances	West Mabou	19	January 4 - December 27
Lobster & Steak Dinner	Judique	19	May 25
Brook Village			
Adult Square Dances	Brook Village	19	June 7 - August 25
Harness Racing	Inverness	19	June 15 - September 28
Tuesday Night Ceilidhs	Mabou	19	June 24 - September 16
Thursday Night Ceilidhs	Inverness	19	June 19 - September 4
Wednesday Night Ceilidhs	Judique	19	July 2 - August 27
Glencoe Mills			
Family Square Dances	Glencoe Mills	off 19	July 3 - August 28
South West Margaree			
Adult Square Dances	SW Margaree	395	June 27 - August 29
Mabou Ceilidh	Mabou	19	June 27 - July 1
Firemens' Ceilidh Days	Scotsville	395	July 7 - 12
Judique On the Floor	Judique	19	July 11 - 13
Inverness Gathering	Inverness	19	July 21 - 26
Broad Cove			
Outdoor Scottish Concert	Broad Cove	off 19	July 27
Chestico Days Summer Festival	Port Hood	19	July 28 - August 3
Creignish Ceilidh-By-the-Sea	Creignish	19	August 8 - 10
Kintyre Farm			
Scottish Outdoor Concert	Judique	19	August 17
Summer Fun Days			
MacKinnon's Campgrounds	East Lake Ainslie	395	August 29 - September 1
Celtic Colours			
International Music Festival	Cape Breton	Island-Wide	October 10 - 18
BRAS D'OR LAKES SCENIC DRIVE:			
Orangedale Railway Station			
Museum Open House	Orangedale	off 105	June 14
Whycocomagh Summer Festival	Whycocomagh	105	July 18 - 20
Orangedale Railway Station			
Anniversary & Open House	Orangedale	off 105	September 13 - 14
West Bay Road			
Fall Fair	West Bay Rd.	off 104/105	September 19 - 21
Celtic Colours			
International Music Festival	Cape Breton	Island-Wide	October 10 - 18
CABOT TRAIL:			
Three Fiddler Concert,			
Ceilidh & Dances	Margaree Valley	Cabot Trail	June 21 - October 18
Belle Cote Days	Belle Cote	Cabot Trail	July 24 - 27
Margaree Summer Festival	Margaree Forks	Cabot Trail	August 2 - 3
Festival de l'Escaouette	Cheticamp	Cabot Trail	August 1 - 3
St. Joseph du Moine			
Outdoor Scottish Concert	St. Joseph du Moine	Cabot Trail	August 10
Celtic Colours Int'l Music Fest	Cape Breton	Island-Wide	October 10 - 18

MAURICE AND EMMA DUNN OF MARGAREE HARBOUR

Recently I spent a very pleasant afternoon visiting with Maurice and Emma Dunn of Margaree Harbour. Maurice will celebrate his one hundredth birthday in September and Emma is 93 years young.

Maurice was born and lived most of his life, on a farm which still stands between the two lighthouses at Margaree Harbour.

Emma grew up in East Margaree in a French household. She didn't learn to speak English until she attended the one-room schoolhouse, where the teacher taught both English and French to students of the ten grades within its walls.

Friends since childhood, Maurice and Emma married in 1940 after Emma returned from an eleven year stay in Waltham. Since that time (with the exception of a few brief years during World War II when they lived in Halifax) they have lived in Margaree Harbour and made their living from the farm. They supplemented the farm income with fishing and (for a couple of years) worked in the lumber camps cooking - Emma was chief cook and Maurice her assistant.

When he was living on the farm, Maurice was the area's trouble-shooter for the phone company. In those days it was all overhead lines and he was often called upon to splice wires when there was a break in the lines. At this time too, the phones were all battery operated, with lines going to "Central" in Margaree Harbour and the Forks. Radios were also battery operated, and in the beginning, there were no loudspeakers. Maurice remembers crowding around one of these radios during World War I. The single headphone (for one ear only) was passed from person to person, so each listener only got to hear a few tantalizing words.

The farm that Maurice and Emma lived on is in a location swept by the winds which this area is famous for. It was due to this location that, in their day, they became responsible for the local "storm drum" - a device which warned ships at sea of impending storm winds. If a telegram was received from the weather office in Toronto indicating that a strong wind was expected, Maurice would hoist a basket on the end of a long upright pole. The shape of the basket indicated the direction which the wind was expected to come from.



Maurice and Emma in earlier days

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Maurice and Emma Dunn at home in Margaree Harbour

Later in their marriage Maurice and Emma started a guest house at their farm. This was more than just a Bed and Breakfast operation as they also served dinner and supper. They have many fond memories of some of the guests who spent evenings with them.

Now they are older and they have retired, although both remain active and busy. For example, Emma has written two books of poetry and paints lovely landscapes of the local area. She has also written a story entitled *Grand-Père Joe*. This story is the fulfillment of a long-ago promise made to her grandfather to pass on the history of her family to the younger generation when she herself was older. Her story is reprinted as it was written. It is offered for the enjoyment of our readers on the next few pages of our little publication. It is not printed as an academic historical record - it is simply what it is - the memoirs of one of our cherished residents. Many thanks to Emma for allowing us to publish her story.

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Emma's father, Simon LeBlanc



Emma's mother, Mary-Ann

GRAND-PÈRE JOE - by Emma (Leblanc) Dunn

As a young girl as of the time I was a child, I would go see Grand-Père Joe. I was sure to find him sitting in his favourite chair on the veranda when the weather was fine.

His son uncle John and wife aunt Annie lived with him. After greeting Grand-Père Joe I would go in for a while. Aunt Annie would play a few records on the gramophone for me, and she would sing along with the record, while doing her work; as singing was a means of entertainment in those days. People sang a lot, it kept them happy.

We had no radios in my early days. Uncle John might play a tune on the violin. Then I would go sit and talk with Grand-Père. One day he said to me, "Let you and I take a little walk, I have something I want to show you." We walked to the far end of his field, near the Gallant Brook, and there to my surprise was a graveyard where the first white settlers of Margaree were buried. "Your great-great-grandparents are buried here," he told me. From then on for me as a child, Grand-Père Joe's place was where the world began.

Coming back he took me to a small one-storey building, 30 x 20 or about that size. He told me it was my great-great-grandfather's house, and the first house to be built in Margaree by a white man. It was finished inside with wide pine boards, and put together with wooden pegs, for they had no nails when that house was built. Hanging on the wall was a huge saw. "This is the rip saw that cut the boards, and squared the frame for this house all by hand, and the plane you see on the shelf is the one used to plane the boards; I want you to remember this so as later you might tell the next generation," he said. "It was too small for my family so I had to build a larger house."

Grand-Père Joe was married twice; his first wife was Mary Blanchard, his second wife was Bartilda Doucet, in all he had sixteen children.

Going back to the small ancient house, there were two boards missing off one of the walls. "You see these two boards missing?" he said, "we used them to make your grandmother's casket. "I got the best carpenter in Margaree to make it, Mike Deagle, he stained it, varnished it, and she had the best casket that was ever made in Margaree," he told me. "There were no undertakers here at that time, so people did the best with what was available."

"What was great-great-grandpa's name?" I asked. "Oh, his name was also Joseph, and so was your great-grandpa, I am Joseph the third." Later he told me that the first white settlers to come to Margaree were the French Acadians. They came here after the British had taken their land. First the expulsion of the Acadians at Grand Pré in 1755. Followed by another expulsion at Rollo Bay, then called Baie La Fortune, Prince Edward Island, in 1758. They were originally from France, (my ancestors were from Paris), and had been in this country as far back as 1612, and some earlier, 1605.

They left Prince Edward Island in small boats, in anything that was available to them. Some went to New Brunswick, some made their way as far as Louisiana; and some came to Cape Breton by following the coast.

After a few stops along the way in 1785, 19 families and one bachelor decided to continue farther, until

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they arrived near Cheticamp and decided to split up; 12 families went to Cheticamp and the other 7 families and the bachelor came to Margaree Harbour. Then they went up the Margaree River, the first person to set foot on land was a woman by the name of Marguret, so they called the place Marguret. Then later, for whatever reason, it was changed to Margaree.

The men were my great-great-grandpa, Joseph Leblanc, his two brothers, Jean Baptist and Beloni Leblanc. There were also Charles Doucet, Pierre Arsenault, Charles Gallant and Joseph Blanchard. These were all married men with families; the bachelor was a Gallant, a relative to Charles Gallant. The women and children's names are not known. The only one being Marguret and we do not know her surname, or if she was married.

One thing they had and were very fortunate, was the fact that there were many different kinds of fish in the Margaree river, such as salmon, trout and eels. As Grand-Père Joe once said, "We had a river of abundance in those days."

They lived in caves for some time because they were afraid the British would come and take the land they were clearing. Then after some time, when they saw the British had not come, they saw fit to make a new start. They were happy people, with a lot of courage, sang a lot, and composed songs to go with every kind of work they did. In those days it was the only kind of entertainment they had.

There were a few Indian families here then, who helped them out at first. One of the Indians was named Logahpee, he made medicine using wild cherry bark and herbs. They claimed it was good for the common cold.

Grand-Père was better known as Joe White. He was my mother's father (Mary-Ann who married Simon M. Leblanc). The Leblanc's on dad's side came here a couple of years later, but were of the same convoy to have landed in Cheticamp. However they were not the first to land in Cheticamp for there were already two or three Acadian families from P.E.I. who had made their way to Cheticamp two years earlier. Then more came to Margaree from Cheticamp. The names of a few were, Chaisson, Aucoin, Cormier and Poirier they all settled on the East side of the river all the way from Terre Noire to Margaree Forks.

Back in early 1800 they had communications with the outside world, even though they had no post office. They had a postman who they called Dan the post or John the post - whatever his first name happened to be. The route was from Cheticamp to Port Hood on foot, a distance of about 55 miles, and the highway was barely a trail. In that time they had what they called "halfway houses" on the trail where the postman would leave mail for the people in that area.

In 1812, Bishop Plessis of Quebec visited Cheticamp and while here took census in Margaree and we had 38 families including a few Scotch and Irish who were here then. The first Catholic place of worship was a small log cabin built of local trees near the Gallant Brook. I am not sure of the exact spot, it could have been on the Gallant side. The first Catholic church built was in what is now the present graveyard. This was property owned by Grand-Père Joe; and the church was named St Marie after the patron saint of the Acadians. The cement foundation can still be seen there. The second church was built in 1859 on the same site as the present church, it was called St. Michael's.

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THE OLD HOMESTEAD



A little house on a hill
Where my folks use to live
With a few sheep a cow and a pig

I used to run in my bare feet
Down the foot of the hill
With all the sheep following
Me down if you will

The house is still standing
Where it used to be, with no more
Cow pig or sheep there for me to
see

For I am growing old now
It's just a memory, with
No more sheep for running
Down the hill after me.

- poem by Emma Dunn

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It was destroyed by fire in 1952, and the present church also called St. Michael's was built in 1957. The first parish priest was Rev. William Chisholm from 1856 - 1860. In Grand-Père Joe's early days it was still a mission church. A priest would come from Cheticamp to say Mass once a month and he would also come sometimes to marry or baptize. In those days they had to travel by wagon in the summer and sleigh in the winter, and there would only be room for the God-mother, the baby and the father who had to be present. So Grand-Père Joe, who lived so near, would often be called upon to stand as Godfather. At other times a priest would come from Antigonish or elsewhere. On other Sundays, Grand-Père Joe would lead the prayers at the church.

Grand-Père Joe was magistrate in Margaree for many years. I expect for the fact that he was bilingual, and he was also the first postmaster. He was a good story teller, especially in the olden days. He lived to be 100 years old and was admired by all who knew him.

In those days it was nothing for a person to give a week of free time to help a neighbour. We still help one another, but not in the same way. There was a language barrier for a while as some of the Scotch could only speak Gaelic, the French spoke mostly French and the Irish spoke English, and the Indians spoke their own language. Eventually they all learned to speak English.

The Scotch have produced some fine fiddlers in the Margaree area and the Irish gave us such men as Msgr. M.M. Coady and Fr. James Tompkins who were responsible for the Co-op movement and the Coady Institute in Antigonish, which has helped people from all over the world. There is a memorial library that was opened in 1978 at Margaree Forks to honour these men. It is called Dr.'s Coady and Tompkins Library.



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GRAND-PÈRE JOE

Many stories that I know,
I have learned from Grand-père Joe.
He'd tell stories by the hour,
He would never ever tire.

He told how Grandma made wine
With fresh fruit from the vine.
She'd then put it in a jug,
And store it in a trunk.

She'd lock and put away the key,
Where no one would know but she.
Then on special occasions, like
A birthday or a wedding

Grandma would bring out the jug,
And serve each guest with a mug.
"Use glasses" grand-père would tease her,
So you can see the wine better.

"Oh No!" she'd say, "my dear,
Glasses are just made for beer."
That is the way I knew, my
Old Grandpa, grand-père Joe.

- poem by Emma Dunn

There is also a monument erected on Grand-Père Joe's property in 1915 to honour the first settlers. This monument is near the Gallant Brook and can be seen from both sides of the river. Today the first little ancient house is gone, but Grand-Père's house is still there. It is still in good condition. My cousin, John Paul LeBlanc and his wife, Victoria, own it and keep it in good repair. They live in the U.S.A., so they have it as a summer home.

I can say that the people of Margaree are one, the Scotch, the Irish, and the French. We are the people who made Margaree, may we always live in peace with one another, be proud of our ancestors, remain true Canadians and for the sake of history, let us preserve what we have. [Editor's Note: Many thanks to Polly Davis of Scotsville for bringing Emma's story to our attention.]



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WHAT IS THE LUCKY DUCK LOTTO?

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- Contact Recreation Nova Scotia
- Sign Contract
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 Port Hood 787-2900

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 Administration 787-3502
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EXECUTIVE OFFICES:
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 CAO Secretary 787-3501

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 Building Inspector:
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UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR:

- April - County Cribbage Tournament (local tournaments are held to qualify participants for the County Tournament)
- Volunteer Recognition Ceremonies
- May - Summer-Active Kick Off
- June - Senior Games
- Mabou Ceilidh kicks off Inverness County Summer schedule of Festivals & Events.

WEEKLY RADIO REPORT:

Every Thursday afternoon our Department airs a Recreation Report on 1015 The Hawk and CJFX radio stations. If your organization has any upcoming events (non-profit) you would like promoted, please contact us by any of the following methods:
 Tel: 787-3507, Fax: 787-3110, email: recreation@invernessco.com or mail: PO Box 179, Port Hood, NS, B0E 1P0, or drop in to the Municipal Building at 375 Main Street, Port Hood. Information should be in our office by Wednesdays at 3:30pm.

OUR WEBSITE & EMAIL ADDRESSES ARE:

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
FROM THE WARDEN, COUNCILLORS AND
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