

Bass River Notes

By Joyce Starratt

Spring is almost here, according to the calendar, but the piles of snow and ice around my steps and driveway haven't been too fast in melting. I'll be glad to see it all disappear.

We extend our sympathy to the family of the late Ivan Boyd. He was a great community worker, from Debert to Five Islands. He was always ready to help.

Richard and Joyce (Moore) Parker, Stoney Creek, NB, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. Joyce grew up on Edgewood Road. She was the daughter of Alex and Frieda (Fowler) Moore. Dominique Castonguay, Vaudreuil, QC, spend a week with his grandmother, Helen Creelman, and other relatives recently.

Andrew and Doug, Dartmouth, are spending a few days at "The Carriage House". I'm always glad when they are here. Leah, Sophie, Lucy and Jackson White visited Leah's parent, Brian and Linda MacDonald.

By the way, Sophie, Lucy and Jackson are Brian and Linda's grandchildren.

Mark and Elizabeth Pulsifer, Antigonish, are spending a day or two visiting Brian and Linda MacDonald and me. They are staying in the "loft" over the garage. I will be glad when its time for everyone to be back for the summer. Winters are sort of long and lonely, not much going on.

We extend our sympathy to the family of the late Harold Corbett. Harold was a long time member of the Bass River Fire Brigade and was its first chief.

By the way, as of now, I'm still a multi use farmer. It amazes me how someone in an office in Halifax knows so much about what I'm supposed to be doing. They apparently know more than I do.

I think, this is all I can think of right now. People don't tell me what has happened around the village, so I can only report what I know.

Mobius Awards May 27

RRFB Nova Scotia is now accepting nominations for the 2009 Mobius Environmental Awards. Now in their 11th year, the awards recognize the achievements of innovative individuals and organizations that have helped make Nova Scotia a leader in waste reduction, recycling and composting. The deadline for nominations is April 17, 2009.

Keynote speaker for this year's awards luncheon is Jay Ingram, co-

host and producer of the Discovery Channel's Daily Planet, and one of Canada's most respected science journalists. Mr. Ingram is one of Canada's best-known science popularisers, having hosted numerous radio and TV documentaries in addition to writing ten books - three of which have won Canadian Science Writers' Awards.

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Stewardship helps in many ways

By Chris Urquhart

Do you have an interest in Stewardship? Do you wish to help the earth and all those who live on it? Do you feel there is enough stewardship in your life?

Most of us are experiencing the global, financial, and social landscape shift. What does that mean to us, and how can we support one another? Is Stewardship alive and thriving in your pastoral charge? If it is, come and share what works for you!

If it is not, come and learn new ways to make

Stewardship come alive! Come to a Stewardship Workshop on Saturday May 2nd at Hilden United Church Hall from 9:30am -2:30pm.

Please pre-register for this FREE workshop by contacting Elizabeth MacArthur - 902-597-8882 or keys@ns.sympatico.ca There will be sandwiches and sweets for lunch at a cost of \$6.00.

Shoreline Journal places in top 3

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community newspapers throughout Atlantic Canada.

The three finalists in each of the categories were announced on March 25th by the ACNA office. The Shoreline Journal is a finalist in the Best Advertising Program and Best Circulation Categories. In each category, the Journal's competition is the Bridgewater Bulletin and the Queens County Advance (Liverpool).

Publisher Rees said he knew the Journal had made significant strides over the past year. First we had the circulation audited, and then we went to work. He continued, "In less than a year, audited

paid circulation has increased nearly 50% for the first six month period (August 2007 to January 2008) and the second auditing period of February 1/08 to July 31/08. When you are showing growth of that magnitude, you are doing something right and we knew we were gaining ground from the comments which flow regularly from readers and advertisers".

ACNA, the regional association based in Halifax, represents 57 member publications from all four Atlantic Provinces, which have a combined weekly reach of 248,503 copies. The finalists will learn their fate at the Association's AGM in Halifax on Saturday, June 6th.

SongSmith Tour at Erskine – April 4th

Paul Rumbolt is coming to Glenholme, April 4, at 7 PM! The SongSmith Tour

Paul is an accomplished musician and arranger, gifted songwriter, and captivating performer. When writing songs for his new album, SongSmith, Paul traveled coast to coast and south of the border in search of experiences that would ultimately become songs. A native of Newfoundland and a 15-year resident of the Alberta Foothills area, Paul has performed on large stages, in intimate coffee houses,

churches and house concerts alike in his travels across the country.

Paul spent 20 years as an ordained United Church minister in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec and Alberta. Paul's worship music is used extensively in congregations and can be found in More Voices, the supplement to the United Church hymnbook, Voices United.

Paul's current concert tour will focus on his new album, SongSmith, and favourites from his worship CD, Wing and a Prayer. Tickets sell for

\$10 each, and will be available at the door, or by contacting Don MacQueen at 662-2617, or Linda Giddens at lmgiddens@vrodinternet.com



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