

# Co-op & funeral home temporarily join forces

Margaree Valley

A special meeting of the Sunset Co-op was held recently, at the Margaree Valley Seniors Club to discuss plans for moving forward.

Members approved a plan proposed by the board of directors for Sunset to form a temporary alliance with the Pier Community Funeral Home, Whitney Pier, N.S.

The plan will allow Sunset to offer a local individual the opportunity to train with Mr. William J. "Bill" Laurie, owner and operator of Pier Community Funeral Home, enabling the Sunset Co-op to have a qualified funeral director at the completion of this alliance.

During this interim training period, Pier Community will provide funeral services to Sunset members and non-members as usual.

Sunset board president Wayne Hart of Middle River said the plan will allow Sunset to move into the next phase of its growth. "We welcome our members to contact us with questions and comments as we move forward," Hart said. "Through this alliance, Sunset members and non-members will continue to receive dignified and affordable funeral services in accordance with the principles of community autonomy articulated by co-operative pioneers Dr. Moses Coady and Father Jimmy Tompkins."

# Middle River Alderwood Auxiliary continues to rock



Photo courtesy of Melita Smolenaars

Middle River

The Ladies of the Middle River Alderwood Auxiliary were rocking again to raise money for Alderwood in their recent annual Roc-a-Thon.

The mini-concert, as part of the fundraising effort, consisted of local talent, fiddle music, songs and stories told by some of the ladies, and was

enjoyed by all in attendance.

Door prizes were won by several people and during the concert, a ticket, sold on a painting by Mable Nicholson was won by Shirley Hart.

Lunch was served to those attending and there was a good turnout despite the rain. Keep on rocking gals!

# Second annual Cabot Trail Writer's Festival



The Second Annual Cabot Trail Writers Festival at North River was a huge success. Featuring readings and workshops with Michael Crummey, Marq DeVilliers and Sheree Fitch the festival attracted a wide audience from across Atlantic Canada and beyond. Planning is already underway for the Third Festival on September 30 through October 2, 2011. Shown above are author Sheree Fitch with workshop participant Jean MacNeil.

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