

Middle River Reading Ceilidh



Author Beatrice MacNeil, the bestselling author of *Where White Horses Gallop*, which won the 2008 Dartmouth Book Award for Fiction and was nominated for the 2009 International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, read from some of her works at the satellite event of the Cabot Trail Writers Festival in Middle River on August 19th. Joined by musicians Maynard MacKenzie on fiddle and Donald P. MacDonald on guitar (back l-r), Ms. MacNeil impressed the audience with her descriptive phrasing & sharp insights into the human condition between the musicians' tunes.

Never too old to learn how to play in the sand



Photo by Melita Smolenaars

We never know who we will find at the beach. Recently, these two, from Ontario, were spotted making sand castles. They are father and daughter, Martin and Michelle. Martin is a member of the Smolenaars family that lived on Big Farm Road many years ago and he went to school in Baddeck. He is a brother to John Smolenaars of Hunters Mountain, where he, his wife Diane, daughter Michelle and her husband Stewart and 4-year old twins, Mikaela & Joshua were visiting. From the looks of things the twins could have given them pointers on how to build sand castles. A note of interest, Martin visited with Jacqueline MacDonald while here. Jacqueline taught Martin when he went to school here.


Hiking Festival is a social & physical event



This 1st Place Photo for Scenery was taken by Catherine Roth during the 2009 Hike the Highlands Festival at White Point.

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sweeps are made to ensure everybody makes it back safely", states Lisa Dixon, Co-ordinator of Guides & Sweeps, Hike the Highlands Festival. Dixon said she has never met a bad hiker and that many hikers come to this festival for the social activities as much for the physical activity and scenery.


The festival pass has a variety of options – daily, weekend, or full pass for those interested in attending. Hikers can registered and pay online, at the festival headquarters, or at the Trailheads of each hike.
For more information on the festival and registration please visit the website at: www.hikethehighlands-festival.com.



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