

Theatre on the Hill has busy times ahead



Lori Ferens (l) presents Kathryn Bridgland with the first ever Theatre on the Hill Triple Sensation Bursary

by Penny Steele

Choir: Singing Director, Adrienne Chapman and Board Chair, Ian Green have been hard at work to set up a joint adult and children Choir in the north of Smokey area. First rehearsal will be January 16th with 16 sessions planned and final performances around the Easter time. TOTH received provincial funding to set to music a choral piece by acclaimed Nova Scotia composer Scott Macmillan which will be part of the spring performance. Green said that Theatre on the Hill has dreamed of a choir since the days of the musical “Oliver” (2005) and now with funding from the Municipality of Victoria County, Pepsi Co and the Victoria County Community Health Board this has become a reality. Due to this financial support TOTH can continue to offer these programs at no cost to the participant a core mandate of the organization.

Bursary: Kathryn Bridgland is the recipient of the first ever Theatre on the Hill Triple Sensation Bursary. Fundraisers were held throughout the past two

years to raise the \$1500 that was the financial goal of the organization. Residents north of Smokey were invited to submit applications for the bursary with the main criteria being the recipient pursue their interest and love of the performing arts. This could have taken many forms, not necessarily formal education. Kathryn is studying Technical Theatre Studies at Dalhousie in Halifax. She is the daughter of Ruth McLagan and James Bridgland. All three of them have been involved with Theatre on the Hill for many years.

2010 Summer Season: TOTH had a fabulous 2010 summer season with a Romantic Comedy starring Lori Ferens and Billy Budge, directed by Ian Green, a Children’s play directed by Joanne Donovan and a Fiddlers on the Hill ceilidh series with Paul Cranford and friends. A piano recital by acclaimed teenage sensation Jan Lisiecki was a magical evening. There were great audiences at all events with both residents and visitors attending. They hope to provide a similar line up for 2011.

County hockey greats offer holiday mentoring



The Christmas break saw many native Baddeckers return home to spend time with friends and family and for two of our community’s hockey playing ambassadors the Yuletide season offered them a chance to share some of their hockey knowledge with young hockey players from our area. Jessica Wong and David MacDonald, who shared teaching duties with Cape Breton West Major Midget players Willie MacDonald and Mark Trickett, put on a one day Hockey School at the Victoria Highland Civic Center that saw over 20 eager pucksters take advantage of the vast experience these young but seasoned instructors had to offer.

Shown above are: back row (l-r) David MacDonald, Willie MacDonald, Mark Trickett and Jessica Wong. From the left in front are: Bracton Saul, Riley MacRae, Targun Saul, Calvin Kuchta, Shamus Lays, Siobhan MacLean and Dusty Bernard.

Canada Games player with County connection



When the Nova Scotia Canada Games Girls Hockey team hits the ice in Halifax in February there will be three players with roots in our readership area. Middle Sackville native Breanna Lanceleve whose mother Joy grew up in Baddeck and where grandmother Vivian MacLean still resides, while her grandfather, Charlie MacLean lives in Truro, was successful in making the 2011 Games Team. In another local connection Breanna’s Dad Victor is a brother to Louie Lanceleve who played for the Baddeck Bobcat Jr. B team in the late 1980’s along with Baddeck players such as Derek MacFarlane and Gerard Ellis. Also making the Canada Games Squad were Jolene MacInnis of Whycocomagh (daughter of Kathy and Sheldon) and Lisa MacLean of Inverness (daughter of Lois and Bobby).

Pictured above (from the left) are Lisa, Breanna and Jolene.

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