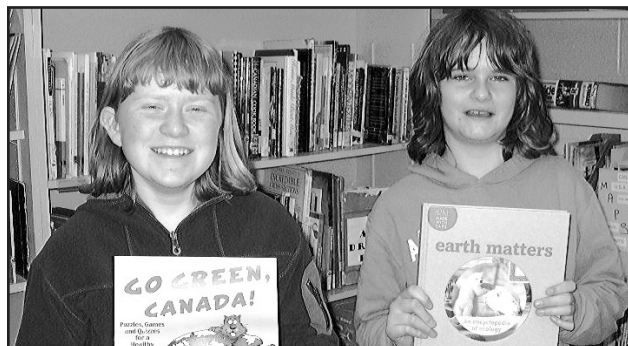


Great Village Garden Club News



Patti Sharpe, President of the Great Village Garden Club, presents a memorial plaque dedicated to Steve Francis. Steve, a member of the Great Village Fire Brigade, often assisted at community fundraising events, including the Garden Club's plant sales. Accepting the plaque for placement in the Fire Hall is Great Village District Fire Brigade Chief, David Lundie. (Shears Photo)



Laura Sharpe (left) and Kali Robinson, students at West Colchester Consolidated School in Bass River, are happy to receive the new books donated to their library by the Great Village Garden Club. (Shears Photo)

By Linda Shears

The Great Village Garden Club met on April 28th at Faith Baptist Church, with 17 members present. The March 24th meeting was cancelled due to a heavy snowfall on that evening. It was noted that one of our life members, Myrtle Kregger, celebrated her 98th birthday on April 25.

Plans are being finalized for our perennial sale on May 16.

The plaque in memory of Steve Francis is ready for presentation and was circulated at the meeting for members to see. Steve cheerfully volunteered to assist with many community events, including the Garden Club plant sales, where he helped us by being cashier.

Members voted to continue our annual sponsorship of the Colchester County 4-H Exhibition Trophy Commission with a donation of \$50.

After the conclusion of our business meeting, Roy Rushton provided us with a fascinating account of his hobby of raising and racing carrier pigeons. We learned many interesting facts about these pigeons such as they can fly an average of 60 miles per hour and have an average life span of 15 years. Roy brought two pigeons to show us in a cage in his car before the meeting. He also brought along many items relating to racing, including the elaborate piece of equipment used to record the arrival time of the birds after completion of a race. Micro chips are now being used to monitor and time the pigeons' return to the loft. Pigeons can fly from Montreal to here in about 8 hours. They will fly as long as there is daylight, then

roost for the night and continue the next morning. Since the birds navigate by using the magnetic fields of the earth, electrical storms can confuse them. Roy lost 3 of his prize pigeons on a race from Montreal when they were released in a lightning storm. He said he has been involved in this hobby ever since he was a boy, about 30 years ago. (We thought he must be reckoning in "pigeon years").

Garden Club members Carol Dexter and Arthur Haskins offered a pruning workshop and adoption of trees at the Community Orchard on April 29.

Seven members of our Garden Club attended the District Garden Club Meeting in Hilden on May 9th. Club reports were given from the 13 clubs in attendance and it was interesting to hear about the activities, projects and programs each group has been participating in. The guest speaker was Dr. Helene Van Donick, veterinarian in charge of the Cobequid Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre. She shared a slide show which detailed her work with many feathered and furry patients whom she has nursed back to health and released into the wild. She and her assistant make every effort to prevent their patients from becoming attached to humans. One technique they have used is to feed the very young birds using a puppet.

The Great Village Garden Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month and new members are always welcome.

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South. Their responses are located throughout this issue.

This issue of the Shoreline is being mailed to all homes in Advocate Harbour, Port Greville, Diligent River, and Parrsboro areas of Cumberland County, and then

from the county line from Moose river along the Cobequid Shore to Onslow, including Belmont, Debert, Londonderry and Wentworth.

We have only one request. We ask everyone, who is eligible to vote to get out and exercise your rights as a Canadian Citizen.

Debert Baptist Church has new 50" TV Stolen

By Linda Harrington

The Debert Baptist Church recently held a dedication ceremony for their new 50 inch flat screen television monitor but their feelings of celebration turned to disbelief on Sunday morning May 10, when they arrived for a Mother's Day Breakfast and found the new monitor had been stolen through the night.

Pastor Bill Martin says that he had been at the church on Saturday night until about 7:30PM and then arrived about 7:30AM on Sunday morning to start preparations for the breakfast. "There was only about a 12 hour window where the theft could have occurred," says Pastor Martin.

It is believed the break-in occurred by prying open one of the outside doors. The 50 inch screen had been mounted onto the pulpit with padlocks and all that remained was the mounting apparatus on the pulpit. A set of speakers, used in the church sanctuary, were also taken.

"It was a bit of a job to say the least," said Pastor Martin referring to the difficulty in removing such a large monitor.

There was minimal damage done to the door and pulpit, for which the congregation is very grateful. Pastor Martin said they were all very happy the rest of the church and

other items were not harmed.

"We will certainly rethink the security of our entrances and it did result in a dramatic change to the Sunday service," says Pastor Martin. "We were to have all the lyrics for hymns on the big screen, so we had to scramble and prepare an alternate method. We ended up having the service in our Fellowship Hall, a more informal setting, and many found great comfort in the service."

The Bible Detachment of the RCMP investigated the break-in and theft and they remain optimistic that those involved will be identified. The large size of the monitor makes it easily noticed. Anyone with any information about the crime are asked to phone the RCMP. The calls can be made in complete anonymity.

Pastor Bill Martin says one would expect that the immediate human reaction would be one of horror to think someone would actually break into a church but it was not like that in his congregation.

"Doug Ross said a prayer in our morning service asking for us to pray for whoever did this, as they must have needed the television monitor more than the church. They must have been in need. It is not really about the TV at all, there must be something missing in their life."

Teen Awarded Scholarship

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musical, The Wedding Singer. Julia also volunteers weekly at the Truro Dance Academy, helps in the local soup kitchen and performs at community benefit concerts.

The TD Community Leadership Scholarship provides the entire tuition for 4

years of college, plus \$7500 each year towards living expenses. Julia has also been offered a job working at TD Bank for the next four summers.

"I was absolutely shocked and honored when I found out I had won this Scholarship," says Julia.

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All strains of flu can be dangerous; however, good infection prevention measures can help protect you and others if this virus begins to spread rapidly in Canada.

- ▶ Wash your hands often and thoroughly—for at least 20 seconds—in warm, soapy water or use hand sanitizer.
- ▶ Cough and sneeze in your sleeve, not your hand.
- ▶ Keep common surfaces and items clean and disinfected.
- ▶ Stay home if you're sick, and call your health care provider if your symptoms get worse.

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