

## Out & About with Ken

By Ken Kennedy

Whew! I just got back from Debert Elementary where I was a judge at their heritage fair, and my head is spinning. There were nine displays and I got to judge five of them.

The first one was by Carrie Barnhill about the history of Barnhill's Supperette. She had information on her great-grandfather Homer, her grandfather Wendell, and father Randy and how he loves the seven-day-a-week grocery and pizza business. The display of the Shubenacadie Canal by Jessie Steeves blew me away. She was very knowledgeable about the project and explained, with computer animation, the locks and incline methods of moving boats up the river. I must remember to visit Shubie Park sometime this summer.

Jacob Currie and Jessie Weatherby teamed up to present a project on pioneers and even churned up some butter and gave me to taste. Delicious! Michaela Priest gave me the rundown on

Christmas tree farming started by her grandfather, Wayne, in 1984. I never knew there was such a contraption as a "shaker" in the Christmas tree industry. I hear that Wayne is retiring this year and turning things over to Matthew.

My old Sunday school buddy, Matthew Arsenault gave a spiel on Camp Debert during the war years with an ariel photo of the old camp on display. His Dad is a military mechanic at the base and his Mom is out to sea with the navy. The displays I didn't get to judge also seemed interesting. There was one on hearing aids of the past, the painter Maud Lewis, Londonderry Mines, and how goalie masks came about. All in all, it was quite an eye-opener for me but very hard to grade as they all did excellent work on their own time. I'm sure their parents and grand-parents had a ball helping them!

Well, we did it - we finally got to visit Florida this year. We had heard so much about the sunny South from our local

"snowbirds" that we finally decided to find out what they were bragging about. On March 30th we flew to Toronto and met up with our son, Greg and his family and flew WestJet to Orlando, getting in around 11:00 p.m.

By the time we picked up the rental van and got lost a few times, it was about 1:00 a.m. before we got to our 3-bedroom home in the gated community of Coral Cay in Kissimmee. The next day we headed for Clearwater to take in the final Spring training ball game between the Blue Jays and the Phillies. It was the first major league ball game Vel and I had ever seen.

We had pretty good seats and Michael and Sarah waved the Canada flag throughout the game. We all had Blue Jay caps or shirts and it was no trouble for the other spectators to know where we were from! Alas, the Blue Jays lost the game and we were torn as to how to cheer when Matt Stairs of Fredericton came up to bat for the Phillies.

Space does not permit a full report of what we did at Disney World except to say that it was very tiring and people were swarmed like bees to

a hive. Until we got there we had not idea what Disney World looked like.

We thought it would be like a massive exhibition or something. Come to find out it is a city of over 70 square miles (50,000 acres) in area and would take month of Sundays (and a pile of money) to ever see it all.

One funny thing happened however, and would you know that my wife became a movie extra in an Indiana Jones stunt show at the MGM Hollywood studios! We were sitting in the front row and the emcee picked out "the lady with the pink highlights and purple sweater." So off Vel went to get dressed for the scene.

The next thing we know she and the others are paraded out dressed like Arabs and are supposed to be shopping in an Egyptian market when it is over-run by terrorists. With jeeps and guns blazing and people falling off rooftops, etc., they are herded to the centre stage to be mowed down by automatic rifle fire. You would think that Mrs. Kennedy would realize that when one is fired upon in the movies she must fall to the ground.

Well, it took her a few sec-

onds to clue in when she decided to fall - right on top of a 250lb man! (Somehow, I don't think that scene will end up on the jumbo screen anytime soon!)

So it was back home to cold Nova Scotia on Good Friday, with a longing to go back again in the not to distant future and for a longer vacation the next time.

We missed the Good Friday service at our church and the sunrise service schedule for Easter Sunday at MacElmon's Pond was cancelled due to forecasted snowstorm that didn't materialize. As for Debert Happenings is concerned, I am not aware of any news except to say that "Debert Court" Seniors Complex is expected to open on May 27th. Shannex Corp. is looking for volunteers to entertain the residents when they move in.

Cheryl Myers, the site manager, spoke with some church members last week to find out what interest there might be in providing religious services at the complex when they get up and running. They will be needing people to go visit the residents and read or play cards or whatever from time

to time.

The only birthday's I'm aware of in April are Susie Taylor's on the 2nd, Dannie McInnis on the 5th, Marion MacMichael on the 24th, and Don Geldart and Pearl Wilson on the 30th.

Last month I said that Frank MacMichael wasn't well but he was out to church on Sunday and was working on his car later on, so I guess he recovered from his operation in flying colours.

There's quite a bit of landscaping going on at the mini-home park in Colchester Park. I guess there's planning on expanding that park this summer.

The Baptist church will be undergoing some major renovations this summer. A new steel roof is being installed and the basement wall at the back has to be reinforced. There new website - [www.debert-baptist.ca](http://www.debert-baptist.ca) - is up and running and you can even take part in a Bible quiz if you like.

They are presently running a Sunday evening "dinner and a movie" program called "H20 - A Journey of Faith," which saw a good turnout last Sunday evening. For further information please contact Pastor Bill Martin at 641-2255.

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Regardless if your business is large, small, home-based, tourism, forestry or agriculture related, we want to compile a complete listing, with intentions to publish a Community Guide, and also convert into an "on-line" presence on our website or other internet sites.

In addition to businesses, we hope to get listings of all churches, legions, fire brigades, and community organizations.

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**Website:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year Started:** \_\_\_\_\_

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