



All Great Village Elementary students came into the gymnasium to show appreciation to volunteers at the school. Students provided entertainment for the afternoon in the form of a slideshow, singing and a musical theatre presentation. (Harrington Photo)



Ally Stanchan (left) and Courtney Fielding(right) serve lunch to some of the volunteers who attended a special afternoon held in their honor. Volunteers pictured included (left to right) Desiree Stockerman, Carolyn Cooper, Amanda Adams, Amy Murphy, Sue Sharpe, Patti Sharpe and Heather Legatte. (Harrington Photo)



Miss Pinto assists Michael Congdon and Gerika Turner with serving punch. An afternoon of appreciation for volunteers, who help out at Great Village Elementary, was held on June 4th. Students in the Grade Four class each had special jobs for the day and Michael and Gerika served punch to the volunteers in attendance. (Harrington Photo)

## Londonderry Community Council News

By Sally Richard

We usually don't see many bears around here until Fall but this Spring seems to be an exception. There have been several sightings from Londonderry Station to Lornevale. One bear even left claw marks on Glen Fields' house trying to reach the bird feeder while another was on Dan Richard's veranda and in peoples garbage cans. Arriving home late one night Andrea Johnson was beary surprised in her yard. It could be the same bear but it is definitely becoming much too familiar as there are many more sightings around the community.

May 21 was a sad day for our family. My mother, Eva Langille, passed away at age 101. Mom fell and broke her hip on May 6. Because of complications she did not recover. Eva enjoyed an exceptionally long, healthy life. She will be missed. On another sad note Jennifer (Vance) Edgar passed away in

Halifax on May 16. Jennifer grew up in this community, the daughter of the late Donald and Anne Vance. Sympathy is extended to her family. Sympathy is also extended to the family of the late Trudy (Rushton) George on her sudden passing and to Bev and Barbara Potter on the passing of Bev's mother Ruby on June 4 in New Brunswick.

On May 23, several baseball teams took part in a tournament held at the Londonderry Community ballfield. The purpose of the tournament was to raise money for "Relay for Life". It was a beautiful day and a very successful day. The sum of \$1,100 was raised in support of cancer. That is a wonderful achievement for a small area. The organizers are to be commended for their efforts in co-ordinating such a worthy event. That same day the family of the late Avis Canning were in Londonderry for the committal of their mother and grandmother. Due to an

error the facility was booked for two events. The Canning family held a reception at the Community Centre during the tournament. They graciously gave the tournament a "thumbs up" as Avis was all for community events and Relay for Life seemed very fitting.

Congratulations to Robert (Beattie) and Grace McCully, East Mines, who recently celebrated 62 years of marriage. Congratulations to Mary and Mel Corbett on their 50th wedding anniversary also to Frank and Myrna Weir, former residents of Londonderry, on their 50th. Congratulations to Tanya and Patrick O'Brien on the birth of a daughter, Alisha Helen Ruth, sister for Makayla. Valerie Rushton is extremely proud of her daughter Risha who completed her 3rd year at Mount Allison University, NB. Risha's marks made the Dean's List. Risha has one more year at Mount A and then she will major in Law.

Jean Nappi spent a week at

her summer home this month. She had just returned from a vacation in Italy. Charlotte MacVicar had an opportunity to meet the Rev. Jessie Jackson on his recent visit to the Halifax area and a nice photo of Charlotte and Rev. Jackson was taken to prove it.

Sherry Fisher and Chris Mackie were married this month and held their reception at the Community Centre. They used Ann and Dave Spencer's yard for their wedding photos. The Mackie's live near Mae MacLean. A baby shower was held at the Centre for Tanya O'Brien.

On June 9 we had a Provincial election. North Colchester re-elected Karen Casey as our MLA for the Conservative Party. For the first time in our election history the NDP won a majority to form a New Democratic Party Government in Nova Scotia.

There will be no card parties or Council meetings until September. Contact Fred Gamble for hall rental inquiries.

## Nova Scotia Provincial Talent Show

The Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition will be participating in the annual Nova Scotia Provincial Talent Show held at the Western Nova Scotia Exhibition in Yarmouth during August 2010. In addition to competing in Yarmouth, the winner of the Provincial Exhibition Finals held in Bible Hill on August 29, 2009 will be given the opportunity to perform at the Nationals on November 20, 2009 in Prince Edward Island.

The Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition is proud to be promoting talent all across Nova Scotia for the youth of today and tomorrow, which is open to Youth ages 13 - 21. Participants must be of amateur status. Categories of acts for the Youth Talent Search are as follows: Vocal Solo, Instrumental Solo, Dance Solo, Variety Solo, Variety Group (up to 5), Dance Group (up to 5) and Vocal and/or Instrument Group (up to 5).

Criteria for judging include natural ability, stage presence, audience rapport and quality of performance. Elimination rounds will be held daily throughout the Exhibition with the Finals set for the Ex Main Stage, Saturday, August 29. First place winner in the finals receives \$500.

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## Nature Notes by Fran Spalding • 647-2837



The last month of spring, the subject of this report, seems in some years to be the only month of spring. It started with a record ten turkey vultures observed over Economy Mountain by Teddy Durning on May 20. Their appearance is becoming an annual event, but so far they haven't stayed the summer.

Other casual visitors were a beautiful male Baltimore Oriole at our place May 23rd; he didn't stay long and was gone by the time we put out a halved orange to tempt him to stay a while. Equally beautiful, and rarer besides, was a male red-headed woodpecker, seen briefly later in the month by Marjorie Meredith at Highland Village. These wanderers are looking for mates, but rarely or never find them and so keep moving.

One species that did get together for the first time in Nova Scotia was the great egret, whose nesting was reported in Albert Bridge, but

Cape Breton by the Chronicle Herald. These large white herons occur here every year and a couple of them finally met at a suitable place at the right time of year.

One of our area's prize nesting birds is the bluebird: in Five Islands Judy Roberts has two pairs at her place, Gemstow, and knows of another in the town. On Economy Point Holly McLaughlin has been watching a pair; they've nested there before, but this year starlings have threatened to dispossess them of their nesting place. She, in turn has been discouraging the starlings.

On our lane two flickers, who excavated the holes in the first place, lost them to starlings, and unlike bluebirds they don't take to bird houses. Also on our lane (Wharf Road) kingbirds are nesting for the third year in a row. The nest is only about fifteen feet above the ground and a foot or two off the roadway but

these fearless birds take the traffic in stride (and woe betide the crow who happens to pass anywhere nearby).

Another nesting record of interest is the two hummingbird chicks that Doreen Cook saw perched in a bush near her porch in mid-June. They were so young they couldn't even be called downy, just fuzzy - so, no more than a month after they arrived hummingbirds have produced a new generation.

Turning to mammals, the Meredith's have been keeping a wary eye on a family of foxes not far from their free-ranging chickens but still enjoying the sight of the cubs at play. Sadly, there were six to watch, two more than the parents could provide for. The adults were seen carrying the dead away, though it would be too much to assume it was for proper burial.

Another animal that makes its more unwelcome presence felt around our homes is the raccoon. It tears down seed and suet feeders and more than once this year devastated some of Nelda Chisolm's flower beds in the process. Her resourceful husband finally caught two in live traps and took them far away, but whether that's the end of the problem is by no means certain.

Paul Robinson saw a willson's warbler, but the over-all species count for that family is still very low. We've started taking our feeders in at night: there's no real need for them at this time of year, but the reason I give is that pairs of evening grosbeaks are still visiting them and may eventually bring young with them. That would be good evidence that they'd nested nearby.

Another species that's still seen regularly this year is the chimney swift. In its case proof of nesting would be to see it disappearing down an unused chimney, something to watch for (and report).

## Great Village & Area Notes

By Florence Adams

The Isabelle Pope UCW closed out the season on June 10th with lunch at the Chow Family restaurant, followed by a visit to the Colchester Historical Society Museum. They found the extensive "Trains of Canada" exhibit interesting and recommend it as a visit for anyone.

Recent family visitors with Harlan Akerman were Wayne Akerman and Wayne Roberts. Both are from Ontario. Wheels to Meals held the final luncheon of the season on June 16th in the Legion Hall. St James United Church provided the lunch was enjoyed by all attending.

The Great Village Cemetery Committee met in the Legion Hall on June 17th. An open house for Ken Peppard's 75th birthday was held at the home of Carla and Vincent MacNeil on June 21st

followed by a family supper. This was also Ken's sister, Ruth Peppard's birthday.

The Great Village community meeting on June 16th was held in the community hall. Kiersten Patriquin had the misfortune to break her wrist while playing late in May. Hope it's much better now, Kiersten.

The Celiac foundation close out the season with a pot luck supper in Halifax on June 18th. Alice Fulton, the foundation rep for this district was unable to attend, but I hear it was a success. Courtland Graham returned home to British Columbia on June 9th after spending two weeks visiting with her uncle, Edgar Graham.

Davis Adams was home from Alberta for a weekend in early June to visit his parents, Carl and Lucille Adams. He is the grandson of Pearl Rushton.

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