

Tom Beaton and Malcolm Campbell gratefully accept a cheque from the Colchester East Hants Health Authority Board presented by Janice Faulkner. Funds will be used to do necessary repairs to the tennis courts at the Bass River Junior High School and buy new nets. The Bass River Tennis Club encourages anyone in the community to use the courts." (Submitted Photo)

Debert Elementary students Brandon Barclay (left) and Chris Ryan (right) proudly display items the school recently received from the Commander of HMCS Halifax. The school sent giant thank you cards to service personnel aboard the ship, in appreciation for their efforts in helping the people of Haiti. (Harrington Photo)



Aidan Norton presents Eliza and Matthew McCurdy with an award for the genology book "The McCurdys of Clifton/Old Barns".

Bass River Notes

By Joyce Starratt

Spring was almost here to stay, so it seemed anyway, wasn't it? Oh, well we can't complain, we had quite an easy winter and a lovely March. The snowdrops are in bloom. I have very few crocuses left. The chipmunks like the bulbs. The daffidols are budded, but they really need this rain. I didn't, but it was very dry.

The red winger blackbird were back last week along with the Gracles (I call them the yellow eyed black bird. It's a nicer sound than "Gracle").

My niece, Megan Faulkner, went with some friends to the Olympics on their college break. They had an exciting time, seeing two hockey games, not the "big ones", but one with Germany. They were on TV twice, but of course none of us saw them.

Helen Creelman and I went to the Jamboree in Great Village on Sunday afternoon. Betty Creelman is feeling a little better and is home. Lloyd Fulton is still in the hospital. Margie Taggart was not feeling too well a while ago, but is doing better now.

Hazel, Joan Thompson and I went to the Italian supper in Five Islands. Very good and no dishes to wash.

"The Boys", Dough and Andrew spent the weekend at "The Carriage House". It was nice to see them, they haven't been here for quite awhile.

Visitors with Briand and Linda last week were their daughter Leah and family, Sophie, Lucy and Jackson and Beth and Family, Max, Rubin, Ceese and Matt, of course.

Not much going on. Will be talking to you next month.

Great Village & Area Notes

By Florence Adams

The women of the village held a World Day of Prayer service in the Legion Hall on March 5th. The program, "Let everything that has breath praise God" was written by the women of Cameroon, Africa.

In late February, Jack Leeman enjoyed attending a dinner in Elmsdale for retired Fisheries workers. Wheels to Meals on March 2nd and 16th had their usual attendance. On March 16th the Fireman's Auxiliary put on the dinner.

Kelly and Vickey McNutt and family of Moncton visited their parents, Dale McNutt and Lyle and Pat Spencer the first weekend of March.

As we get closer to Easter, the UCW of St James United Church are busy preparing the annual presentation of Easter flowers to shut-ins of the district.

David and Valerie Austin with son, William, spent the weekend of March 13th visiting Valerie's parents, Douglas and Louise Crossman in Sussex. David and William have been enjoying the skiing

at Wentworth these past weeks.

Alan Peppard returned to Alberta on March 13th after spending two weeks visiting his parents, John and Marie Peppard. David Adams is home from Alberta spending some time with his parents, Carl and Lucille Adams.

Robert and Natalie Adams have moved from Quebec to Bible Hill, where they will live until they have their house built on the Station Road, Great Village.

A fire demolished a house on Creamery Road, Great Village on March 20th. Now one was hurt but the house was completely destroyed. Fire engines from all of the county were here assisting the Great Village Volunteer Firefighters.

Sorry, I don't have much news for this month. It was such lovely weather for the school break. Not what we usually get in March. It doesn't seem right.

Debert Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

The fundraiser for Haiti was a huge success, with \$2148.37 donated to Doctors Without Borders

Students created two huge thank you cards for service personnel aboard HMCS Halifax, who had been helping with relief efforts in Haiti. The Commanding Officer of HMCS Halifax, Commander Kurtz, wrote the students back a nice letter of appreciation and sent along a hat, tshirt and crest with the HMCS Halifax logo. These items will be placed, along with the letter, in the showcase located downstairs at the school.

Commander Kurtz said it was his intention to send a couple of sailors to meet with students at the school, once the ship is back in port.

Fifteen new primary students have registered for 2010. They will be joining students for a half day of school in May. If you know of any primary students who have not registered, and who will be attending Debert Elementary this fall, please phone the school at 662-4400.

The Healthy Eating promotion continues in the Cafeteria. Debi Rushton is pleased to post pictures of students on the "Wall of Fame", in recognition for making healthy lunch choices.

Debert Elementary will have special guests dropping by the school on April 8th. Melissa Naugler will be bringing her two adopted children, a little girl, age 9, and a boy, age 4, to visit with students. Melissa, and her husband, adopted these two children from Haiti about 8 weeks ago and they would like to share their experiences with students and staff.

Students in Grades 4 and 5 will participate in the school Heritage Fair in April. Students will be chosen to represent the school at the Regional Heritage Fair on May 6, in Truro.

"THE FARM GATE", \$24 668-2494 OPEN DAILY 7693 Highway No. 2 April Specials... Pork Steak \$249/LB **Boneless Beef** Sirloin Steak \$599/LB **Boneless Beef** Cross Rib Steak \$5²⁵/LB While Quantities Last

MacCaull Villa Notes

By Hazel Hill

Dorothy Jordan was taken Colchester Regional Hospital and spent a week there. She is now convalescing at home. Darlene Jordan had a knee operation recently in New Glasgow.

Allen & Pearl Barbrick visited Elmer Hutt, also his daughter and granddaughter recently. Bill and Glenda fisher visited Lydia Fisher and took her out to dinner.

On Thursday night, St James

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for us. Wednesday, March 17th George Cook and friends entertained us. It was a great evening of music and socializing.

Dartmouth and her sister, Pat for a few days. Sorry to report sid had been on the sick list, but he is better now.

On Saturday, March 20th, my cousin Hazel McCormack and her son, Micheal spent the day with me. Also sorry to report Harold Murray has been sick with the flu. We all wish Harold a speedy recovery.

Bernice Kaulback wished to thank all those who phone her, sent sympathy cards in the loss of her brother, George Cook. Visitors with Bernice were Art & barb Muise, Truro and Darrell and Debby Cock.

United Church choir came to practice and played many old favourites

Monday, March 8th, I had a nice visit from Joan Mitchell, Weese, Red Lake, Ontario. Pat was visiting with Joan and Sid

Taking Charge

A Holistic Approach to Mental Wellness

Information Session:

"Taking Charge" Program & Along the Shore Community Health Board Activities

WHEN: Mon., Feb. 1, 2010 @ The Bass River Senior's Center, Bass River @ 7 pm Mon., Mar. 1, 2010 @ Debert Court (New Senior's Complex) Meeting Room @ 7 pm Mon., Apr. 12, 2010 @ Great Village Community Center @ 7 pm **Everyone is Welcome!!**

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