



While the judges tallied up the scores, it was time to enjoy a delicious lunch at the Bass River hall. The Glooscap Trail 4-H Club held their Club Rally on March 3rd. (Harrington Photo)

Glooscap Trail 4-H'ers HOLD CLUB RALLY

By Emily Prescott

The Glooscap Trail 4-H club recently held their club rally, where members presented speeches to judges and the public. In the junior category, Anna MacFarlane placed 1st for her talk on Skiing. Jacob Robinson placed 2nd with his speech on Pirates.

In the Intermediate category, Emily Prescott took top spot with her speech "Too Many Men on the Ice?" 2nd place went to Ian MacFarlane with his speech on Logging, Brendan Vance, with his very first speech, placed 3rd with his talk "All About Me".

Tony and Sandra Phillips were the judges for the event. They offered advice and commented how the members had improved over the previous year. Top members from the club rally are eligible to compete at the county rally in North River on March 31st.

Club members are now selling chocolate bars as a fundraiser. The price is \$2 each. Our next general meeting is Tuesday, April 2nd, 7 pm, at the Bass River Community Hall.



Glooscap Trail 4-H members taking part in the Intermediate Speech category at Club Rally on March 4th included (left to right) Ian MacFarlane, Brandon Vance and Emily Prescott. (Harrington Photo)



Glooscap Trail 4-H members taking part in the Junior Speech category at Club Rally on March 4th included (l to r) Anna MacFarlane, Jacob Robinson and Ethan Beazley. (Harrington Photo)

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Florence B. Adams

April brings us Easter
Now that March has passed.
March with spring like weather
Went by so very fast.

The green of gay St Patricks
With its parades and fun
Spring in all its glory
Brought us wind and sun

We'll celebrate come Easter
With praise to God, above
Ant thank him for our savior
Sent down to us with love.

Great Village Area Notes

By Florence Adams

The March meeting of the Isabelle Pope UCW of St James United Church was cancelled because so many members were away during March break.

Sympathy is extended to the Sharpe family and friends on the passing of Kay Sharpe last week; to family and friends of Danny McGuire. Danny and family lived in Great Village at one time.

Wheels to Meals and Bingo are continuing in the Legion Hall on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Andrew and Fern Leeman and family spent a weekend visiting family in Bear River early in March. Part of the weekend included a winter camping trip.

Robert and Natalie Adams returned home March 19th from Toronto where they spent the March breaking visiting their daughter, Alethia and family.

Alan Peppard visited the doctors and hospital in Halifax last week, and I understand he will be returning to Edmonton early in April for the remaining necessary operations on his knees. It has

been rumoured a new amusement is making the rounds of the neighbourhood. As I understand it, "Geo-Caching". You drive around locating "caches" scattered here and there. You look it over, take the cache, leave a note and another "cache" for the next party. I'm sure someone can explain it better than I.

Jason McNeil and Corey McNutt went to Alberta in early March and have since found employment there. Melissa Vincent is taking a beauty course in Halifax. She is one of the thousands who were forced to walk to school during the bus strike. To relieve some of the stress from the city, she came home in mid-March to spend a weekend with your family, Andrew and Fern Leeman. She then took her younger family members back to visit with her in Halifax for two days.

Cole Peppard, who spent Christmas with his father, Alan Peppard and grandmother, Marie Peppard returned to Alberta in mid-March.

Tracey Miller spent the weekend visiting her mother, Gertrude Miller. Tracey is attending college in Halifax.

Garden Club to Celebrate 60TH ANNIVERSARY

On April 24, the Great Village Garden Club will celebrate 60 years of informing area residents about gardening issues. At 7:30 PM current and past members will meet with charter member Helen MacLaughlin to chat about various activities over the years.

While the club is widely known for its annual spring plant sale, other activities over the years have included a wildflower contest at Great Village Elementary School,

beautifying the "Dump", perking up the grounds at the Elizabeth Bishop house, and supporting the 4H floriculture competition at the Exhibition.

A presentation by Arthur Haskins will review these and other events. Members, former members and interested folk are welcome to attend the April 24th event at Faith Baptist Church for a taste of village carrot cake and to see just what this garden club is all about.

HOSPICE Needs Your Help

By Nick Sharpe

80% of Canadians say they would like to die at home but 70% are forced to die in hospital.

On Sunday, May 6, volunteers, board members, staff, community care givers and families whose lives have been touched by hospice palliative care will gather together to Hike for Hospice

This year the Colchester East Hants Hospice Society is mixing things up to encourage participation. On May 6, the Truro Trailblazers Hiking Club will have their 5k season kickoff in Victoria Park in support of the Hike for Hospice initiative. "We encourage everyone to come out and hike, whether you want to partake on a 5k adventurous hike with the Trailblazers, or a short 2k stroll through the beautiful park," says Sharpe, "the purpose of this event is to show your support in any way you feel comfortable, and to have some fun!"

Hike for Hospice is a national event, with thousands of participants across Canada. The Hike is hoping to be sponsored by many local businesses and is sponsored nationally by Bayshore Home Health and the GlaxoSmithKline Foundation. All money raised in the Colchester East Hants area will stay within the communi-

ties. Last year over \$5,000 was raised in Hike for Hospice for the region, with over 1 million dollars raised across Canada. Funds raised locally in this year's Hike will be used to support the programs and services offered to families facing end of life and to those grieving the death of a loved one.

According to Statistics Canada, more than 259,000 Canadians die each year, and that number is projected to increase to more than 330,000 by 2020. Almost 75% of those who die each year in Canada would benefit from hospice palliative care, yet currently, according to the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association, a recent study has shown that no more than 36% of those who need palliative care will have access to it. Colchester East Hants Hospice Society is working to ensure that more people in our region receive the end-of-life care and support that they and their families need.

To support or participate in Hike for Hospice, or for more information, please call 893-3265 or visit us online at cehospice.org/hike-for-hospice.

Nick Sharpe is Fund Development Coordinator, Colchester East Hants Hospice Society



Anna MacFarlane making a banana cream pie at a Foods project meeting. (Submitted)

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