

Bass River & Area Fire Notes



Ian MacFarlane was just about to get a cool dunk, thanks to the quick arm of Olivia Freitag. Activities included a dunk tank, games of chance, refreshments and much more at the Bass River Firemen's Picnic. (Harrington Photo)

By Peter Christensen

Well the big Fun Day and Dance has come and gone. As Karen McFarlane said on her face book thingy: Oh, what a night to remember !!! It certainly was that. For those who missed the day and dance, you should have been there !!! it was great. The band was tight. No way that it did not come out



A bit of smoke but no big fire! Blaine Dickie was master chef of the BBQ at the Bass River Fire Hall on July 3rd. The evening of family fun was held from 4:30 until 7PM, with an adult dance finishing off the day's events. (Harrington Photo)

the way it was meant. The band was great, everyone was... happy for sure. Well not everyone was. I had a couple of diet cokes and ended up being a BOOR. For this I apologize to the brigade and my friends, if there are any left. Gosh it is amazing what a little turmoil and a couple diet cokes can do to a guy. Wierd.



Nathan Tower takes aim at the target, while Art Dickie keeps a check on the fire truck's pump controls. There was plenty to see and do at the Bass River Fire Hall on July 3rd during the Brigade's family picnic. (Harrington Photo)



MacKenzie Faulkner paints a creative design on the cheek of Merissa MacNeill. There were many activities for families to enjoy at the Bass River Fire Hall on July 3rd. (Harrington Photo)



Olivia Williams and Nora McLaughlin try a turn at the fish tank with a bit of help from Anna MacFarlane. The Bass River Fire Dept hosted the night of fun on July 3rd. (Harrington Photo)



Gordon Lewis was giving wagon rides at the Bass River Firemen's Picnic. Jamie Vance was keeping him company up front while Peggy Gamble, Danny York and Cindy Cox enjoyed a ride through the village. (Harrington Photo)

A special thank you to everyone, who worked on this gig for the last four months and to all the fire men and their spouses for all the help on dance day. A special thanks to Alicia Cooke and Hillary Cox for painting everyone's face in splendid colors all day. Great job. Congratulations to Mary Jane Rutherford on her 50/50 winning ticket at the dance. And thank you to Mary Jane for giving her winnings back to the fire hall. Much appreciated.

The next big fundraiser on the calendar is the Annual Wooden Boat Race, held in conjunction with the Heritage Days celebrations on August 7th. Beginning at 9am we will be selling boats for only 5 dollars at the site. The Wooden Boat Race will begin at 2 pm. Loads of fun and it should be a hoot. Hope to see everyone there to enjoy the fun and see some old friends at the same time.

Hope you all have a great summer, it is half through. The summer is passing by quickly so enjoy it. Which reminds me the Fall Trail Ride is gearing up to go on Sept 26 a Sunday. Get your mounts ready to go. Don't forget to get your winter wood nice and dry for the winter.

Fireman Pete saying, see ya next month.

Bass River Heritage Notes

By Denise Gilley

Wow, how about this summer weather! It is hot, hot, hot or wet, wet, wet. I'm not complaining one bit, our summer is so short.

Plans are well underway for Heritage Day on Sat, Aug 7th. We're bringing back our abundant bake sale as well as the antique car/truck/tractor/engine displays. There will also be the Firemen's Boat Race, petting zoo, yard sale, BBQ and a Cake Auction will be held along with the auctioning-off of a 1/2 cord of wood cut to the successful bidders specs, it should be fun to see.

We're all keeping our fingers crossed that the nice weather will hold out. Come out and join us, we hope to see you there!

As we tidy and organize

and catalogue all of our inventory at the museum, it is always brought up that we are so fortunate to have such a great history in our area, a history that we can see and touch and hear.

We also mention, however, that we're always on the lookout for "Bass River" pictures to preserve. With technology today we're able to copy pictures, slides and 35mm negatives very easily, so if there is anyone with pictures of interest to Bass River please let us know, we would love to see them.

News from AUGUST 19, 1891: The Monster Picnic on Friday. The indications that (at) the monster picnic to take place at Mayflower Park, Bass River on Friday next, the 21st instant, there will be a

tremendous turnout. Upwards of 100 societies have been invited to attend, including Good Templars, Sons of Temperance, Juvenile Lodges, Bands of Hope, Legions of Honour, W.C.T. Unions, Oddfellows, Masons, Foresters, Orangemen, Granges, and Sabbath Schools.

We understand that two schooners have been chartered to bring parties from Noel and vicinity, and large numbers are expected from other parts. The attractive features of the evening will be a grand concert and display of fireworks. The day attractions are numerous, and will be of considerable interest.

We understand that the ladies of the Presbyterian Church will endeavour to appease the hunger of the multitude, and will serve refreshments on the grounds.

Economy / Five Islands Area News

By Ruth Thompson

Recent visitors with Marilyn and Dennis Cock were Maretta and Ron Scott from Yarmouth. Other visitors were Bettijane Giebachaus of British Columbia, also Peter, Sheryl and Adam Aselstyn from British Columbia.

My daughter Denise will be coming to visit us on August 2nd, they will visit around the area and will return to Ontario during the

following weekend. On August 9th, my granddaughter, Meghan will be visiting us for about a week.

The summer is upon us with lots of warm weather. We are not used to this warm weather, just think of a blizzard in the middle of January and we might appreciate this warm weather. There are lots of folks visiting from different parts of Canada, some have cottages in the area and there are some folks who spend their summers here from the United States.

Our Fish N Spuds truck is

doing a booming business. We do certainly value our customers. Congratulations are in order for Gerald Elliott who celebrated his 80th birthday with a party at the Economy Rec. Centre with friends and family. Many Happy Returns Gerald.

Again if any of you have news PLEASE e-mail me if you have access to a computer or you can call me at 647-2933. All news will be printed. My e-mail is foxy40@bellaliant.net.

Have a wonderful summer and hope to hear from any one in the Economy/Five Islands area.



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