

# Lower Onslow Community Centre Notes

By Ann Fiddes

The warm, muggy weather we have been experiencing the last couple of weeks did not dampen the enthusiasm of yard sale enthusiasts on Saturday, July 10th.

The Community Centre was designated as the official starting point of the 75 km yard sale, and many people checked out the deals we had to offer.

Thanks to everyone who donated goods for the yard sale, made financial donations, came to shop and those who donated their time to work at the yard sale. At the end of the day \$1335.42 was raised. Business was very slow

Sunday morning, so we closed down after a couple of hours.

The various committees are busy planning activities for the fall. If you have any suggestions for activities at the centre, please call Doug, 843-3727 or Ann, 662-3732 and let them know.

We will not be meeting in August. The September meeting will be on September 13th, due to the Labour Day holiday the first Monday of the month. We invite everyone, in the community, interested in our success to come to this meeting, we are looking for ideas and always in need of more volunteers to make our centre a success.

## The Creation of the Firefighter

By Kathy Simpson-Giles

In all this heat, we hope that you are taking proper precautions with yourselves and your surroundings. Proper hydration for yourselves, following water safety rules, and of course as always, common sense in fire prevention.

I thought I'd contribute something a little different this month. This is a piece that some of you will be familiar with. I discovered it several years ago and we had it read at one of our banquets. Although it was written about career firefighters, it applies equally to all who volunteer.

When the Lord was creating Firefighters, he was into his sixth day of overtime when an angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said "Have you read the specification on this person? Firefighters have to be able to go for hours fighting fires or tending to a person that the usual every day person would never touch, while putting in the back of their mind the circumstances. They have to be able to move at a second's notice and not think twice of what they are about to do, no matter what danger. They have to be in top physical condition at all times, running on half-eaten meals, and they must have six pairs of bands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of bands...no way."

"It's not the bands that are causing me problems," said the Lord, "it's the three pairs of eyes a Firefighter has to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through the fire to where they, and their fellow Firefighters should fight the fire next. Another pair here in the side of the head to see their fellow Firefighters and keep them safe. And another pair of eyes in the

front so that they can look for the victims caught in the fire that need their help."

"Lord" said the angel, touching his sleeve, "Rest and work on this tomorrow."

"I can't," said the Lord, "I already have a model that can carry a 250 pound man down a flight of stairs and to safety from a burning building, and can feed a family of five on a civil service paycheck."

The angel circled the model of the Firefighter very slowly, "Can it think?"

"You bet," said the Lord. It can tell you the elements of a hundred fires; and can recite procedures in their sleep that are needed to care for a person until they reach the hospital. And all the while they have to keep their wits about themselves. This Firefighter also has phenomenal personal control. They can deal with a scene full of pain and hurt, coaxing a child's mother into letting go of the child so that they can care for the child in need. And still they rarely get the recognition for a job well done from anybody, other than from fellow Firefighters."

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek of the Firefighter. "There's a leak", she pronounced.... "Lord, it's a tear"

"What's the tear for?" asked the angel.

"It's a tear from bottled-up emotions for fallen comrades. A tear for commitment to that funny piece of cloth called the Flag. It's a tear for all the pain and suffering they have encountered. And it's a tear for their commitment to caring for and saving lives of their fellow man!"

"What a wonderful feature Lord, you're a genius" said the angel.

The Lord looked somber and slowly said... "I didn't put it there."

"Author Unknown"

## OBITUARIES

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**HARRIGAN**, Arthur Layton, died in Arizona on 2-14-10, son of the late Margaret Newcomb Layton and Arthur Perrin Harrigan. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to all who knew him. He is survived by his wife Kathleen Shipp, 3 married children and 7 grandchildren. A graveside service will be Thursday, August 5, 11:00am in Mahon Cemetery, Great Village.

**CANNING**, BURGESS L. - 91, Bedford passed away Thursday, June 10, 2010 at home. Born in Parrsboro, he was a son of the late Ritchie and Maude (Manning) Canning. He was a veteran of World War II serving with the Royal Canadian Navy. Following the war, he with his brother Wilfred operated a tugboat and barge service in the Parrsboro area for many years. He also worked as an engineer with Northumberland Ferries and at the Debert "Diefenbaker" Bunker. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion for more than 50 years. He is survived by his wife, the former Mabel Chambers; a son, David (Patricia), Dartmouth; 3 grandchildren, Stacey Canning-Lively (Joe), Lake Echo; Richard (Amanda), Halifax; Mark, Halifax; 2 great-grandchildren, Eric and Alex. He was predeceased by sisters, Bertha, Lauris; a brother, Wilfred. Funeral service was held June 13, 2010 with Rev. Greg Doyle officiating. Burial has taken place in the Parrsboro United Cemetery. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com).

**BURRIS, Vera Alma** - 84, Salmon River, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 27, 2010 in Glen Haven Manor, New Glasgow. She was a daughter of the late Nelson and Cora (MacRae) Milner. She is survived by son, Ross (Marie'a); daughter, Heather (Kevin), both of Truro; grandchildren, Allen W., Michael, Scott (Stephanie), Zachary, Brandon; 4 great-grandchildren; sisters, Jean Legere, Bella Milner, both of Truro; Diane Milner, Calgary; brother, Carmen (Diane), Debert; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Lewis (1993); son, Allen M.; infant daughter, Linda; granddaughter, Robin; brothers, Garnet, Walter, Raymond. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, June 29, 2010, in Blackmore Memorial Cemetery, Upper North River, Pastor Bill Martin officiated. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall ~ Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**PYE**, Beatrice Louise age 97 of Truro passed away at Naugler Home Care on June 30. Beatrice was born in Truro on June 14, 1913 and was the daughter of Seymour and Elizabeth MacCallum (McNutt) of Truro. She was a member and supporter of First United Church and a life member of United Church Women. Beatrice was a long time member and worker in the International Order of Good Templars for over 50 years. She was predeceased by her husband Russell, her sister Dorothy Clay of Cambridge, Ontario and her brother Ernest MacCallum of Pictou. Beatrice is survived by one son, Garry Pye (Mary-Lou) of Truro, four grandchildren Shannon Pye-Wilson (Pat), Bedford, Tracy Pye-Roberts (Glenn), Truro, Andrew Pye, Halifax and Alexandra Pye, Halifax, and by five great grandchildren, Luke and Zack Wilson and Casey, Emily and Logan Roberts and extended family Sean and Jennifer Mongey of Barrie, Ontario and Andrew and Heidi Caldwell of Truro. Beatrice lived by herself until January 1 of this year when she moved into Naugler's Home Care. She worked as a linotype operator with the Truro Daily News in the 40's and 50's. For the past ten years she received loving and professional help from Elizabeth Blair, her caregiver, and recently from everyone at Naugler's Nursing Home. The family is very grateful to Dr Michael Murray for his kindness and dedication and also in the month of May from the staff of Four South at Colchester Regional Hospital. A private family service was held. Interment in Valley Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro. On-line condolences may be made at: [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**TALBOT**, Harriet Alberta (Potter) - 88 of Central Onslow passed away July 2, 2010, in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born in Clementsvalle she was the daughter of the late Jennie and Willis Potter. Harriet was a veteran of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and served with the CWAC. Following the war she worked at Cornwallis where she met her late husband, Cecil Talbot. Their marriage was blessed with three children. Son, Philip (Juanita) Talbot, of Central Onslow and sons, Matthew and Travis, Daughter, Sandra (Richard) Sampson of Bridgetown and her stepdaughters Joanne, Lynn and Tammy; Son, John (Roxanne) Talbot of Georgetown, Ontario and son Dylan. She is also survived by one great grandson Vander, and one step great grandson Kyle. She was predeceased by granddaughters Gwendolyn and Catherine. Harriet enjoyed the support and love of a close knit family including surviving sister Edith (Berry) Thompson of Bedford and her late sisters Glendean Young, Gladys White, Greta Walker, Louise Selig and late brother Robert Potter. Harriet was an adherent of Onslow Trinity Church. At Harriet's request, cremation has taken place. Funeral Service was held Wednesday July 7<sup>th</sup> with Rev. Gerry Kerr officiating. Interment in Robie St. Cemetery. Special thanks to Dr. Slipp and the 4<sup>th</sup> floor staff of the Colchester Regional Hospital for their compassion and care. On-line condolences may be made at: [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**BEZANSON**, John Roy - 58, Onslow Mountain passed away July 5, 2010 in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born in Middle Musquodoboit, he was a son of the late John and Ethel (Henry) Bezanon. He is survived by sisters, Maxine, Darlene, Colleen; brothers, Rod, Brian; brother-in-law, Dave Bell; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by sister, Lila Bell and two brothers in infancy. By John's request, no formal funeral service was held. Private family burial in Riverside Cemetery, Upper Stewiacke. On-line condolences can be made at [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**RUSHTON, Leslie Dean Rushton** - 36, Highland Village, passed away Monday, July 5, 2010, at home. Born in Truro, Leslie was a son of Dean and Linda (Roberts) Rushton. He is survived by his daughter, Sabrina Rushton-Williams of Truro; maternal grandparents, Cyril and Virginia (Urquhart) Roberts of Montrose; many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Cecil and Lena Rushton; step-grandmother, Francis Babineau. A private family service was held on Friday, July 9, 2010, in the Mattatall-Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, Rev. Dan Gunn officiated. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**ROBINSON**, Pearl Eileen - 80, Truro passed away July 5, 2010 in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Walter and Emma (Grosse) Cain. In her earlier years, she worked for Hillcrest Manor and Andres Wines. Pearl was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Branch 26 and enjoyed playing bingo at John's Hall on Prince Street. Pearl enjoyed singing, especially when it was time to sing Happy Birthday to her friends. She is survived by children, Michael W. (Tammy) Robinson, Truro. Alton (Judy) Robinson, Amherst, Peggy Robinson, Truro, Shirley (John) Robinson-Levering, Truro, Charles Robinson, New Glasgow; grandchildren, Missara, Durell, Samantha, Alex, Alton, Shawn, Noah; sister, Mary Cain, Sackville; brother, Richard Cain, Advocate Harbour; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, William W. Robinson; granddaughters, Tamara and Jamila Robinson; sisters, Muriel and Delma; brothers, Alex, Clyde and Harold Cain. Memorial Service was held July 9<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Brian Johnston officiating. Following the Service, a time of fellowship and refreshments was held at 21 Keywest Court, Truro Heights. On-line condolences may be made at [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**BIGNEY, Lorne Leslie** - 94, of Debert, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 9, 2010 in the Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born in East Mines, he was a son of the late Norman and Phebe (Reid) Bigney. He is survived by daughter, Goldie (Fred) MacKinnon, Edmonton, AB; sons, Glen (Marie), St. Thomas, ON; Merle (Ruth), Charlottetown, PEI; Gary (Gayle) and Ralph (Sharon), Debert; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Willa Jane Weatherby; his second wife, Madeline Marie Goodwin; brothers, Lyman and Ralph; sister, Alice. Funeral service was held Monday, July 12, 2010, in Mattatall ~ Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, Pastor Ken Fillmore officiated. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**BATES**, ARLENE F. - 84, of Debert, Colchester Co., and formerly of Highland Village passed away Monday, July 12, 2010 at Debert Court. Born in Jamaica Plains, Mass., she was a daughter of the late Warren and Beatrice (Wasson) Doyle. She was employed for the Masstown Market for many years. She was well known throughout the area for her preserves and her handwork, particularly her quilting and crocheting. She is survived by a son, Phillip, Kitchener, Ont.; daughter-in-law, Violet Spencer, Chisasibi, Que.; a sister, Iona Canning, Five Islands; 6 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, James; sons, James and Gordon; a sister, Audrey; brother, Edward. A funeral service for both Arlene and her son, Jim who passed away June 15, 2010, was held July 15, 2010 at Peniel United Church, Five Islands, with Rev. Florence Antle-Brisson officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Memorial donations to Five Islands Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com).

**PEPPARD, John Edwin "Jack"** - 70, Londonderry. The passing of John Edwin "Jack" Peppard occurred quietly at his home on Thursday morning, July 15, 2010, following a courageous battle with cancer. Born and raised in Great Village, he was a son of the late Matthew and Louise (Rose) Peppard. Except for a brief interlude in Ontario, he lived his entire adult life in the Great Village area. Jack is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Marie (Adams); children, Stephanie (Kim) Patriquin, Folly Mountain; Alan (Shelley Tanner), Sandra (Dean) Mushanski, all of Edmonton, Alberta; Anna Peppard (DJay MacIntosh), Truro; grandchildren, Kiersten, Matija, Matthew, Carter, Cole, Bailey, Tessa; siblings, Ken (Dianne), Jim (Blanche), all of Great Village; Marjorie and Ruth, Kinsac; several nieces and nephews. A reception to celebrate Jack's life was held Sunday, July 25, 2010, at the Londonderry Athletic Hall. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall ~ Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**GONSALES**, John Desi, Master Corporal, 39 - Onslow Mountain, passed away on July 18, 2010. Born in Truro, he was the son of Claude and Elfreda (Romahn) Gonzales. John was a dedicated and loving father and husband who spent his life as a career military soldier serving as a vehicle technician in the 144<sup>th</sup> Construction Engineering Flight in Pictou, NS. He served multiple tours in Afghanistan, and was a basic, hard-working individual. John is survived by his wife Mary (Ramsey); children, Zachery, Hannah, Cody and Jacob; sisters, Jenny (Terry) George, Beth (Robert) Mosher; father and mother-in-law, Tom (Cathy) Ramsey. Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12pm until 2pm, beginning with a Royal Canadian Legion Tribute Service. Funeral Service at 2pm with Chaplain Gordon Poley officiating, all in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. Interment to follow in the Belmont Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. On-line condolences may be made at: [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

## MacCaull Villa Notes

By Hazel Hill

Stella Powers attended the 80th birthday party in Five Islands, for her brother-in-law, Clayton Eagles on July 3rd. Joan and Sid Mitchell, Dartmouth spent the afternoon of July 6th, visiting me. They were spending a few days at Joan's old home place.

Several from here had the salmon, strawberry supper

from St James United Church on July 14th. Trueman and Vivian Layton and Ellen Layton, Halifax attended the supper. I enjoyed a visit with them in the afternoon.

We extend our sympathy to the families of the late Jack Peppard, who passed away July 16th. Birthday greetings go out to Kevin Fields, who is celebrating a birthday this month.

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