

Masstown Community Planning "Fun Day" August 6TH

By Christine Urquhart

All is a flowering here in Masstown! As you drive around our friendly community you can't help but notice all the well-kept yards with flowers blooming, vegetables coming up in abundance and trees providing shade. Many yards also have garden ornaments, benches, swings or just comfy lawn chairs. As you sit quietly in your yard you can't help but hear the birds singing, the bees buzzing and see the butterflies flitting along. If you are coming into Masstown as a visitor, stop at our community park for a few minutes just to enjoy the shade from the stately maples which grow beside the picnic tables. Need a drink? Go over to the well, which sits in front of the building, and pump the handle. The water is clear and cold and safe to drink.

With summer upon us most

of our groups will not meet again until September but our Masstown Community Association is still very active in our community. They met recently and although they had put fliers in most of the mailboxes in Masstown no "new" folks showed up for this meeting. Hopefully it was just a bad night! They meet again on July 10th, 7pm at the Masstown Market. It was decided that with Canada Day being on a Sunday this year there will not be any festivities at the Park on Canada Day. Instead, we hope to be able to host a "Fun Day" on August 6th which is Natal Day, or Bank Holiday Monday. If you are interested in seeing this event happen, please show up at the next meeting or call the Chairperson Lynda Stevenson 641-2320 if you can't make it. Remember, this is your community. Take part!!

We have a new minister here

on the Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge! Her name is Carol Gillard and she will start preaching on Sunday July 1st, at 10am in Debert. Services for July will also be: July 8th - Glenholme, July 15th - Masstown, July 22nd - Debert and July 29th - Glenholme. We welcome you to join us at each one of these services. Come out and hear Carol preach!

On Wednesday July 4th, from 4:30 - 6 pm there will be the Annual Strawberry Supper which is held at the Debert Fire Hall. The supper includes a ham salad plate, rolls and biscuits, tea, coffee, juice and strawberry shortcake! Adults \$10, Children under 12 \$5, and take-outs are available. The money raised will go towards paying for all the recent manse repairs.

The Masstown UCW recently held their closing meeting at Irene Gratto's cottage in Five

Houses. 25 ladies attended, including ladies from Glenholme and Debert UCW's. It was a fun time with lots of good food and great fellowship. The UCW's are very grateful to Irene for hosting this event at her family cottage.

We have some visitors in our midst. Visiting Bob Warning and Lynda Stevenson are friends Jeff and Joanne Sweazey from Paris, Ontario and staying with Bob and Lynda is Lydia Whooton, who is from Bath, England, and is here on a work visa. Krista Deese and her daughter Luran from Ottawa are here visiting her parents Rodney and Joy Reid.

Condolences go out this month to: Vangie Yorke and her family on the death of her brother Roger Yorke; to Irene Gratto and family on the death of her brother Everet McCully; and to Leighton Stoddard and his family on the death of his sister Evangeline (Vangie) Otterson.

Bass River & District Fire Brigade Notes

By Peter Christensen

Hello from the hall. Well we got the fishing derby over with. A real nice day for fishing for sure. There were a lot fewer fishermen, and seems the fish were fewer as well. We had fishermen from Tatamagouche, Truro, Halifax and of course Bass River and that was before the derby even started. Amazing how folks can get wind of a windfall.

The winners were Ian Macfarlane in first place, Austin Henke second and Larry Martell third. I hear the dance at the fire hall for Team Holly was a resounding success. Great job folks. Our next dance at the hall is on June 30 from 9 til 1:30. The band will be Sweet Revenge. Hope to see you all there.

Training went well on

Monday evening, with training on ladders and the proper way to hang from them and still work at fighting the fire. Tammy Grue, I believe swept away all comers in being the fastest person

to achieve her position on the ladder rung, without kicking the poor person holding the ladder in the nose, and without complaining about their knees. Great job, Tammy.

We are getting ready at the hall for the Small Ships race in early August. It will be an exciting event this year. Be ready for some awe inspiring small ships, they will cruise the Bass River very soon, well some of them will and some will get bashed on the rocks.

Have a great summer and be safe.

Fireman Pete signing off.

Out and About with Ken

By Ken Kennedy

Whew! It's about 20C/70F outside and I am trying to get our trunk camper ready to hit the highway. It's the one I bought from Dave Green last Fall. It seems to be in pretty good shape - probably better shape than the old truck! Don't know where we are headed as yet but we're going to camp locally at first to see if everything works OK.

I just celebrated my 72nd birthday on 20 May and today (June 19) it's our daughter Pam's. She was born 30-something years ago in Trenton, Ont., and she's still single, men! (Pretty soon we're going to be offering a dowry to find that perfect man she's been looking for all these years!) Maybe the Shoreline Journal should start a "lonely hearts" feature!!

Otherwise it has been a pretty quiet month around here. Velma and I are both seeing doctors and physiotherapists with one ailment or another.

Velma had carpal tunnel surgery on her right hand a few months back and is now waiting for the left hand to be done. That's the hand she needs to finger the guitar strings with. She can do it some by tolerating the pain. In fact, Higher Ground has been doing quite a bit of gospel music lately. Last Sunday we were at Cedarstone and next Saturday it's Debert Court. They have me playing the snare drum now in place of the late Danny McInnis, but I can't do all those fancy contortions that my old army buddy did. I would like to try those electric drum sets I see others playing. Sounds like the real thing to me.

I guess I owe Russell Jennings an apology from last month. I was trying to be funny when I said he might be out burning old books and bibles from Ev's estate but Sally said they would never burn a bible. I didn't think for a moment they would actually do that - and besides there is a \$670 fine if

you are caught doing it!

Have you seen any bears lately? We sure have. Velma saw one walk right up Campbell Road the other evening - and it even looked in our mailbox! Our neighbours have seen it as well and Pauline even called Lands and Forests and they gave her this number for people to call when they see a bear: Bear Reporting - 1-800-565-2224. Come to think of it, I wonder what the stupid thing thought to find to eat in our mailbox!?

I have to stop praying in public. We took Pamela and Olivia up to Glenholme Petrocan restaurant this morning and when the food came I put my elbows on the table, folded my hands, and said a silent prayer of thanksgiving for Pam's birthday. Trouble is, Aimee thought I was falling asleep!

I think it's time for Aimee to get out to church!

Bye for now. Drive carefully this summer. The slower you drive the less gas you use.

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Bass Fishing Winners Announced

There were two winners in the 2011 Dominion Chair 13th Annual Bass Contest. Bryan Lewis, left, from Truro, a former resident of Bass River (moved in 1959) caught his winning bass 24 pounds and 40 inches long on Oct 8/11 at Wharf Road on an outgoing afternoon tide using mackerel as bait. George Elloit, centre, from Wallace who only started fishing for bass 3 years ago. George caught his 23 1/2 pound - 42 inch long stripped bass in Economy on June 26/11 on an early evening incoming tide using gaspereaux as his bait. Jim Grue, far right, owner/manager of Dominion Chair, Bass River, who along with Dab beer sponsors this annual fun contest. Entries for this year's contest are now being accepted at the Dominion Factory store. (Wendy Cox Photo)



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