



The Elliotts are no strangers to the stage. Brothers Gerald and Carl were playing the dance halls around Economy 77 years ago, along with their mother and other family members. Economy Rec Centre was the place to be on June 16th as the first 2013 Economy Hall Session was held. Hosted by local musician Bill Elliott, the popular event featured Russell DeCarle, lead vocalist and bassist of the Band "Prairie Oyster", along with members of the Elliott family. Proceeds were to support the upkeep of the Economy Rec Centre. Left to right- Bruce Elliott, Dennis Keltie, Russell DeCarle, Gerald Elliott, Bill Elliott, Carl Elliott, Steve Briggs, and Mike Elliott. (Harrington Photo)

## I heard it at the Company Store

By Wendy Cox

Do you know what I heard...I heard that in the month of May the arc building business was making a comeback with all the rain we had. Now that it is half way through June we can put away those arc building tools and get the garden tools out. Some of us may have put our gardens in a bit early and all the seeds either floated away or got mouldy from the weather. I think it is safe to say that good weather is here and we will start complaining soon about the heat (but please don't complain loud, my wood pile needs a break).

May was a productive month in the area for clean up. The Bass River Heritage Society did their annual ditch clean up. They adopted the highway from the Portapique Woods pull over to the top of the Little Bass River Hill many years ago and have been cleaning these ditches every spring. THANK YOU to those who participated in this. It is an endless job unfortunately.

A few of us were out for a long weekend ATV drive and decided to start to clean up an illegal dump site in Castlereigh. Roddy scurried over the bank and hooked a strap around a couch and the boys hooked a winch to it and pulled it up over a steep bank and got it to the side of the road. The next day Dennis and Donald went back loaded the couch and an old vacuum cleaner, a washer tub, blueberry bins and a lot of other garbage that was over the bank into a trailer and brought it out for roadside cleanup. Good job boys.(we would have landed the couch on the lawn of the original owner if

we knew who tossed it over the bank)

There is still a lot more garbage at this site so in the fall we will be organizing a big cleanup and getting the rest out. I just don't understand how people can take such a beautiful sight and toss garbage out. I guess the word is ignorant. We thank Daphne for keeping the cans and small garbage along that road picked up...if we all did our part and take out what you bring in that would be the RIGHT THING TO DO.

The Bass River Fire Hall had a welcome spring dance on May 18...with the band Sweet Revenge, it was well attended and as always a great time. The 9th Annual Sharky washer toss tournament was held in Five Islands June 15th. It was my first time playing in the tournament and what a great time it was. The Annual Linda Tower-Rushton and Stuart Grue Memorial Slowpitch Tournament is on for June 22nd in Bass River. Both of these are fundraisers for burials at CEC.

On June 22nd there will be an ATV rally starting in Bass River and dance in Onslow. These are benefit fundraisers for Brent and Shirley Cooke from Great Village. Brent is in Halifax hospital. Their families say thank you for all the support and well wishes they have received since Brent took sick.

The Bass River Heritage Society has been busy getting things ready for the summer season. They will be open on weekends starting in June and then open daily in July and August. Stop by and have a visit, there is something for everyone to look at...from pic-

tures to tools to toys and even the original Bass River Telephone switchboard.

The bazaars, museums, antique stores, tourist attractions along the shore are open and all the yummy seasonal restaurants too. Stop into one and enjoy your own backyard. You may be surprised at what you find.

Bill and Natalie Elliott have been organizing the Economy Hall Sessions, the first one took place at the Rec. Centre in Economy on June 16. Featuring the music of Russell DeCarle from the band, Prairie Oyster. I hear they sold 200 tickets and it was a great show. I hope we will be hearing a lot more great music from other artists.

Graduation and proms will be at the end of the month. Congratulations to all graduating students. Be careful on your special nights. Remember it's better to call mom or dad if you need a ride at any time of day or night than to get into a vehicle with someone who has been drinking. Have a safe and happy summer.

Remember, I hear all this at the company store and if you want to see it hear just let me know. Enjoy yourself in July and remember to play safe.

## Great Village Legion donates \$1,000

By Linda Harrington

Great Village Legion recently donated \$1000 for the upkeep of the repatriated Afghanistan Memorial which was dismantled there and set up again at Trenton, Ontario, RCAF base.

The Afghanistan Repatriation Memorial will be a permanent memorial honouring our Canadian men and women who have sacrificed their lives in the war in Afghanistan.

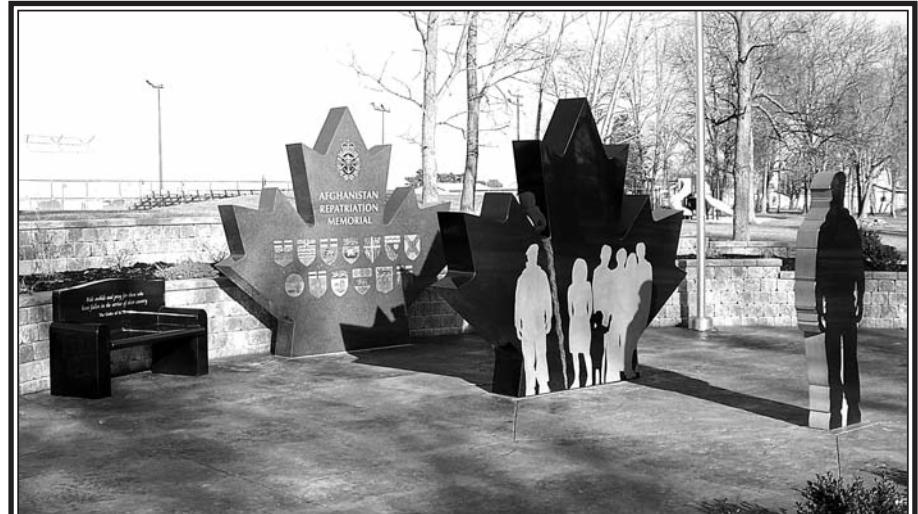
Set in a park like setting on the beautiful Bay of Quinte and with 8 Wing/Canadian Forces Base Trenton - Canada's largest Air Force base nearby, the Afghanistan Repatriation Memorial will be a fitting tribute not far from where

Canadian repatriation ceremonies occur and at the beginning of our fallen soldiers' journey along the Highway of Heroes.

This is not a government initiative, but solely funded by Canadians honouring Canadian soldiers. Individuals, companies and organizations are contributing to complete the \$1.5 million dollar project.

In addition to the monuments, flags and walkways, the Memorial will be professionally landscaped with shrubbery, plants, flowers and trees. It will also be lighted and maintained year round.

**For more information or to donate to this Memorial visit  
[www.afghanistanmemorial.ca/donate](http://www.afghanistanmemorial.ca/donate)**



## MacCaull Villa Notes

By Hazel Hill

Helen Patriquin was in the hospital for a few days, but is now home recovering from a bad cold. Visitors to the Villa were Florence Adams, Jennie Robinson, Gertrude Miller and Fronz Miller. We always enjoy visitors dropping into the lounge for a visit.

Shirley Ryan accompanied by her daughter, Dian Millen and Tammy Garnham to Amherst recently for a one day trip. Bernice Kaulback attended the celebration of the Double "C's" 15th anniversary on June 10th. Bernice's sister, Eva, was also there. Shannon MacAloney wish-

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We want to get this going again with some help from the community. The date will be the weekend of July 13 and 14. Saturday & Sunday.

As before the sale will start at Mingo's corner in Onslow and run through to Parrsboro!

This is a great opportunity for households to turn those unwanted items into useful cash and recycle instead of hauling them off to the balefill.

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