

Glooscap Trail 4-H Knee-Deep in Flour

By Emily Prescott

Glooscap Trail 4-H Club was knee deep in flour and dough this month. As a fundraiser, the club made lots of mouthwatering pies and cinnamon swirls, which were served and sold at the



The Glooscap Trail 4-H Club had a Pie Fundraiser at the Maritime Junior Angus show in Truro on June 15th. Pictured above are: Cecilia McLaughlin, Ryan Fields, Emily Prescott, and Maja van den Hoek. (Emily Prescott Photo)

Maritime Junior Angus show in Truro on June 15th. We thank all those who came out to help support our club and 4-H.

At our last general meeting members had a pet parade, where members brought a favorite pet to show off to others. There were lots of different adorable pets from small rabbits to large dogs.

As part of 100 years of 4-H this year, Glooscap Trail will be participating in the 4-H food drive. If anyone has any food they would like to donate to help with this food drive that would be greatly appreciated.

Next general meeting will be held on July 8th at 7:00pm at the Bass River hall. Our club's achievement day will be held on July 30th

A FISHING CONTEST

One day my friend a fisherman
With a fancy rod and pole
Said to his wife, "let's go my love
to a favourite fishing hole".

"Sure and I'll catch more fish than you"
His wife said with a grin
"I'll still use my alder branch
But let the fun begin".

"Don't be too sure", her husband said.
"This is my luck day.
This will be serious fishing
Not your usual play".

When the afternoon was over
And homeward they did go.
The wife said, "dearest husband
I really shouldn't crow".

"But since it seems to me my dear
I caught more fish than you".
"Of course you did, the man replied,
My fishing gear's too new".

The moral of this story seems
That taken as a whole.
It's not the fancy rod or alder branch
But the hand that wields the pole.

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OSCAR HILL'S BLACKSMITH SHOP GREAT VILLAGE

The Shoreline Journal, in collaboration with the Colchester Historical Society Archives, have inaugurated an ongoing feature utilizing a combination of the digital "A. F. Church Maps" to pin point the circa 1875 location of a Colchester site of historical importance, and connect it to an archival photograph of that site, in that frame.

By Dick Akerman
Typical of most Colchester County towns and villages at the turn of the 18th/19th Centuries, the Great Village area, with a population of about one thousand people had no less than five blacksmith shops.

The arrow pointer on map # 302 locates one of those shops, that of Oscar Hill, who operated this shop from the 1890's through the early 1900's. These buildings were located opposite today's "Wilson's Fuels", where the two small white homes stand today. Blacksmithing was an important part the economy of the time, and shoeing horses only a part of the trade. Farm implements, ship's fittings and the tools of the lumbering trade, all came from the forge and anvil of these gifted tradesmen. This shop was later operated by Mate Fisher, The "Nate" of Elizabeth Bishop's short story "In the Village", who made, for the young Bishop, a ring from a horseshoe nail. The blacksmith shop of that time has become today's welding shop, and shoeing horses has become the Farriers portable trade.

Dick Akerman has been compiling information on behalf of the Colchester Historical Museum Archives, and is published monthly in the Shoreline Journal.

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