



THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY. Due to the generous donations through various fundraisers in our community, the Cooke's are pleased to share that Brent has received his new high-tech chair. The family would like to send out a big thank you to all those who helped make this happen. Brent Cooke and his family are truly grateful for the amazing support they have received over the last two years. Pictured (L-R): Brent, granddaughter, Bria; wife, Shirley Cooke; son, Brad Cooke; granddaughter, Ava; daughters, Julie Cooke and Jessica Yuill and granddaughter Ella. (Submitted)

Three Alarm Fire Destroys Two Properties

By Linda Harrington

Covered in soot from head to toe, Great Village Deputy Chief Larry Kinsman was heading back to the fire hall after a hard fought battle. "There is still hours of work to be done back at the hall," he said, obviously tired and referring to the clean up required before the night was over.

Fire fighters from Bass River

and Economy were loading up their vehicles and clearing the scene as well. Standing by, back at their halls, were members from Five Islands and Onslow Belmont, who were covering their neighbouring communities.

Out by the bay, Bill Taylor was looking over the smoldering remains of his cottage, and motor home. Mr. Taylor had been burning brush in front of

his cottage in preparation for fill that was coming the next day. High winds blew sparks under his cottage and within minutes the building was a raging inferno.

Fire fighters did an amazing job of protecting neighbouring cottages, with fierce winds whipping burning embers through the air, but one other cottage was not so lucky.

Bonnie Henderson stood on the blackened deck of her A-frame cottage shaking her head in disbelief. Located several hundred metres from the original fire, with other cottages and trees offering shelter, it took just one rogue spark to see her dream cottage go up in flames. "The spark landed on this lawn chair and within in seconds it burst into flames," she said showing the blackened frame of what was clearly a chair that once held cushions. "By the time the firemen got their hoses over here from the other fire, the entire front of the cottage was one fire."

Even though the cottage was still standing, Bonnie expected the cottage to be a write-off with all the fire, smoke and water damage inside and out. "We are lucky to have insurance but it is going to take time to rebuild. We had just completed all of our renovations to the cottage and I was so looking forward to spending my summer here at the beach," she said sadly, as her husband made the call to the insurance company.

Fire fighters were able to knock down a couple other smaller fires and kept further property damage to a minimum, no small task with those relentless winds off the Bay of Fundy.

Later that evening Bass River Fire Brigade returned to the scene to check on a flare up. **See photos on page 14.**

or from the Church office. Orders go in the last Sunday of each month and the cards are back by the following Sunday. If you want more information on these you can either call me at 902-662-3550 or call the Church office at 902-662-2617.

Great Village & Debert Rivers May be Studied

By Maurice Rees

Not to be confused with the Joint Flood Action Committee (JFAC), the county operates its own Flood Advisory Committee (FAC), which held its last meeting on May 19th with several larger projects were discussed, but they exceeded FAC's mandate and budget. The FAC approached council to authorize applications for funding from two external sources.

Two possible sources of funding are the Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program (FRIIP) operated by the province with a 2015/16 budget of \$500,000 to be shared across the province. Applications were due on May 29th. The second possible source of funding is the National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) administered by Public Safety Canada with the support of EMO Nova Scotia. With a deadline of June 15th, this fund does not cover large construction projects.

Council approved submis-

sion of the following projects to the external funding sources outlined above. The three projects of which the municipalities share would be \$115,000 representing 50% of the anticipated costs are as follows: Two \$60,000 detailed studies to determine the anticipated flood lines and identify potential flood mitigation projects for the Great Village River and the Debert River.

The third project for Great Village Channel Improvements is anticipated to cost \$100,000, plus an allocation of \$10,000 to cover related costs to DFO's approval, which would require a 5 year monitoring component regarding fish habitat. Work would include channel improvements start at the new bridge and continuing about 200 metres downstream. It is felt this program would qualify under the FRIIP program.

If external funding is approved, the municipalities source of funds would be its Special Operating Reserve.

Fund Scrip Orders Being Taken

By Christine Urquhart

The Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge has started taking Fund Scrip orders. These are gift cards for different stores and services in our area. A percentage of the amount of each

card comes back to the Pastoral Charge so not only do you have some great gift cards (or ones to use yourself!) but you help out our local Church.

Order forms are available from any of our three Churches

Historic Sites

"BASS RIVER CREAMERY"



The Arrow pointer on map # 311 locates the spot in Little Bass River where the "Economy and Bass River Dairy Company Ltd.", established a creamery in 1892. Reuben Starratt and S. H. Fulton were principals of the company and it operated under their management until 1917, when it was sold to George B Creelman. W.C. Lewis was butter maker, and the firm produced a high quality product. In 1918 the firm, including the building as shown, was sold to Thomas David Blaikie, owner of the Great Village Creamery. The building was partially dismantled and moved to the creamery site in Great Village, on Wharf Road, where it was used for storage and eventually became a dwelling.

The production of butter was, until the last quarter of the 19th century, strictly a "home-made" item. Most families, whether farmers or not, had one or two cows, along with at least

one pig, and a flock of chickens. Even in towns, like Truro, many families had a barn in the back yard, and the town had a common pasture, where the townspeople could pasture their animals over the summer months.

The first mechanical cream separator was invented in the 1870's by Swede "Gustaf De Laval" and this invention changed the production of butter from a home industry to a factory industry. Some farmers increased their cow herds from one or two animals to perhaps a herd of twelve or fifteen. Remember, at this time the cow had to be milked twice a day, by hand. He also acquired a "De Laval" Cream separator, which was installed in the farm house kitchen, or in a building nearby. The separator was a drum like item, and worked by centrifugal force. The drum was spun, at high speed, by a hand crank and gearing. The "milk" portion of the fluid, being heavier than the "cream" would

separate and move to the outside of the drum, and run out of a different spout, into a waiting can. This "Skim" milk was fed to the young cattle or the pigs on the farm. The cream, gathered from another spout, would be chilled, and then transported in covered cans, first by horse and wagon, and later by truck, to the closest creamery. If the farm was located near the railroad, the cream would travel by rail. In the early years of the 20th century, several trains a day ran between centres, Truro to Pictou, Truro to Halifax, and Truro to Amherst. There were small local creameries to service the local dairy farmers in places like Bass River, Great Village, Brookfield, and Scotsburn.

All gone now, replaced by a few very large dairy herds, on highly mechanized farms, whose product is hauled in large tanker trucks to large dairies in the major distribution centres.



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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.

Church Services for July

By Christine Urquhart

Church services for the month of July will all be at 10 a.m., rotating between our three preaching points. July 5th - Masstown, July 12th - Debert, July 19th - Glenholme and July 26th Masstown. We welcome everyone to our worship services and ask that you sign our guest book before leaving so that we have a record of your visit.

Our minister, Rev. Carol Gillard, preaches a great sermon, we have hymns from Voices United and More Voices, and Rev. Carol will be

at the door on your departing to shake your hand. Our congregation will also welcome you as you arrive and as you find a seat.

Don't feel that you need to be all dressed up, just come as you are! God sees us every day and doesn't ask us to dress special but to try our best to live as Jesus lived.

The Masstown Stewards & Trustees would like to thank everyone who saved their refundables for our recent refundable drive. Refundables can be dropped off at the Masstown Church at any time so they don't need to take up a lot of space in your basement or garage.

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