

## Great Village Ballfield Taking Shape



This is what the Great Village Ballfield looked like in April 2010. Stop by on Monday nights 6pm see how much work has been done already. Wear some old clothes bring some gloves and join us. (Submitted Photo)



Keeping it under control while burning off the grass at the Great Village Ballfield as restoration begins. (Submitted Photo)

By Heather MacKay

Many have been hard at work at the Great Village Ballfield (the one on Mill Lane Rd) as we start to restore it so our kids (and everyone else) will have a field to play on and learn how great it is to become a team player and enjoy being outdoors.

Speaking of being a team player we have a large number of great volunteers. We have received a grant from Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection, but we have to match it with a lot of volunteer hours and donations.

In a few short evenings we have accomplished a great deal of work while having a few laughs along the way. The fence is being torn down and all the trees that

had taken over the infield have been pulled, many by hand, but many thanks to Logan Spencer and Harold Sharpe they have been there every Monday night with their tractors pulling out the big trees.

Audrey was also showing us that not only the guys knew how to drive a tractor. She pulled out some trees without batting an eye. If you are out for a drive take a look at the field and see the progress that has been made.

We are looking for volunteers to help us out. We are at the field every Monday night at 6 pm. Why not come out and give us a hand? If you can stay for an hour or the evening we would love to see you.

## Mill Lane Road Ballfield To Be Restored

A dedicated few will be hard at work on restoring the Ball field on Mill Lane Rd. Many of us have memories of events that took place in years gone by. Many July 1st Picnics took place on that field. Also weekend tournaments were a weekly event with teams attending from all over.

We plan to burn the grass on April 22 weather permitting. After that the hard work will begin. We will be moving the fence, building bleachers, dugouts, replacing some fencing, building a backstop and spreading some gravel.

If you would like to help out and be a part of building future memories call Heather @668-2501. We will also be doing some fund raising to help with the cost of the materials. If you have a business or know of one that might be interested in supporting us let us know.

We are planning a Tournament on the Long weekend in Sept so grab some friends and get a team together. Call Heather to register. Come out dust your work gloves off and meet your neighbour. Hope to see you there.

## Out and About with Ken

By Ken Kennedy

Wow! Have you seen the high cost of groceries these days? It pays to shop at home I'm beginning to think - especially when you factor in the cost of gas to go get them.

I'm a winner! I finally won something. I won 25 litres of gas at the Masstown Motel's XTR free gas promotion. I have to win twice more to beat Harold Rushton.

Speaking of the Rushton Boys, we need to keep Roy in our prayers for some medical concerns he's facing. We chatted at Tim Horton's the other evening. Actually, he talked - we listened. Myrtle could hardly get a word in edgewise!

I see where they have ditched and paved a section of Plains Road to Belmont last week; not before they needed it. It should be save to drive over now for a while. The old #2/4 from Onslow to Masstown has a new blacktop surface as well. Also I see where the 104 from Truro to Debert has been staked for re-surfacing - I hope.

Poor old Winston Bennett of Elm River Park has had some bad luck lately. When they headed for Florida last Fall the transmission went out of their truck in Bangor. An expensive repair to be sure. Of course we all know that Winston is not one to complain!!

Some belated birthdays I've heard about include Ursula Lynds at 95 last month. Also Elsie Forshner had her 99th in March. Elsie lives with her daughter Irene and Alan Weatherbey at Colchester Park. A belated birthday to Pauline McCulloch as well. (I know how old she is but I had better not say!) I turned 70 on May 20th - that's 17 years younger than Pauline!

On the sick list we have Jack Hines of Masstown who is in the VG on Robie Street in Halifax. Jack has severe diabetes and has been back and forth for the past few months.

I hear there's plenty of black bear around these days. Everett and Jeanie McCully

saw one in the field along the mile stretch in East Village one day last week. We took a Sunday drive down to Five Islands last weekend. There sure are a lot of properties for sale down that way.

We dropped in to Belmont Baptist Church a couple of Sunday's ago. Calvin Chapman was preaching. Hedley Wilson made the old piano dance around and Doreen Hatt played the organ. It was good to hear the old hymns sung in the old-fashioned way again. It was also good to hear the church bell ring again. Somehow it didn't seem to have the peal that Alvin Crowe used to get from it! Rev. Henry Boehm is the regular preacher there.

On May 8th, members of Debert Baptist went door to door with the Gideon's handing out Bibles. Haven't heard as yet how successful they were.

On Wednesday the 12th I attended the monthly meeting of the Great Village Legion and there was a very good turnout. Some were ill and some were away. We made plans for the Sunday Brunch on the 16th where I ended up washing dishes with Lewis Faulkner. Actually he washed and I dried. Ed Langille and Neil Morash washed the most - they said. (Well, somebody had to take the money!)

Velma and I did church service at Debert Court on May 9th. We also did a memorial service at Wynn Park Villa on the 14th.

Last Saturday even I drove over to Westchester Baptist to a gospel concert. I hadn't been there in years and decided to go over the pass. Somehow I had figured that the turnoff came before the toll-gate but, of course, it didn't. Therefore I ended up giving them \$4 toll which left me with just one dollar for the offering plate! I'm sure I ate more than a dollar's worth of refreshments. Oh well, I'm sure the Lord will forgive me one more time!

That's it for now. God Bless

## B.r.a.i.n.child Telethon Raffle

On Sunday, June 6, 2010, during the IWK Telethon, a raffle draw will be held with all proceeds going to the ongoing work of B.r.a.i.n.child.

B.r.a.i.n.child, an acronym for Brain Tumor Research and Information Network, is a group of parents, family and friends who share the common experience of caring for a child with a brain and/or spinal tumor. It is a volunteer organization providing support, education and research funding to those involved in the world of childhood brain tumors.

There are 18 great prizes to be won, including a 50" HD TV, a John Deere Electric Ride-on Gator, a garden tiller and a

golf package! Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

Friends, businesses and community members wanting to purchase raffle tickets and help by donating, and/or get further information on B.r.a.i.n.child, can contact: Janice Newcombe @ 902-662-3623 or Chester Sabeau @ 902-897-7274.

## Great Village & Area Notes

By Florence Adams

On May 13th, the Isabelle Pupe UCW of St James Church met at the home of Lois Bray with six members and two guests present. Since it was close to Mother's Day and there are rumours of a possible election, the president, Eileen Eaton read from the story of Mrs. Emmaline Pankhurst and her efforts to enable women to vote. It was a long struggle and often an unpleasant one. It's actually surprising how much freedom women have today compared to past years, when they had so little.

Happy birthday was sun to Helen MacLachlan as her birthday was May 14th. My sister, Mario Ross, Truro and myself visited our sister, Ruth Bezanson, canning the last three days of April, coming home on May 1st.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Harry Adams, who passed away in early May; to the family and friends of Voyle Gordon, who passed away on May 15th.

In April, Stephen Shears, son of Gary and Linda Shears, left for his third tour of duty in Afghanistan. He is serving inplawith members from the Maritimes and Newfoundland. Sandra Mushanski, Tofield, Alberta returned home on May 3rd, after spending two

weeks visiting her parents, Jack and Marie Peppard.

Eileen Eaton and Carrie McCully attended the Truro Presbyterial Spring Rally on May 11th at Collingwood United church. The theme of the meeting was "Is There A Woman in the House? The morning's event included an interesting presentation on Autumn House, Amherst, a safe haven for women and children.

In the afternoon, the UCW Conference, past president described her two years in office. She visited all the presbyterials in the area during her term. The last half hour a group Collingwood-Hollywood, comprised of members form four local UCW's entertained with some very amusing skits. Seventy five members attend the Rally.

Earlier in May, Ruth and Margery Peppard from Kinsac, Halifax County visited with their brother, Jack Peppard and family. Kyle MacCrae graduated from college on May 8th and almost immediately left for Vancouver Island, BC, where a job was waiting for him.

The Legion Brunch held on May 16th was a success as usual. Wheels to Meals, on May 4th was enjoyed by all who attended. The May 18th version featured a chicken casserole.

## Bass River Notes

By Joyce Starratt

Although the weather hasn't cooperated vey well, I believe I've done quite well weeding my flower beds. More to do though.

Creig and Yvonne Creelman have returned from a holiday in Cuba. There are two places I wish I had been able to visit before my traveling days were over - Cuba and the Klondike. I'll just have to imagine what it would be like to get there, won't I?

There was a lovely 70th anniversary part at the Economy Rec Centre on sundy, the 16th for Neil and Louise St Clair. They are a lovely couple. It must have been a case of true love, to have stayed together for so many years, mustn't it? Ray Dibbon did a lovely job of introducing them to the gathering. Of course, we all know them anyway, but Ray always does such a nice job at anything like that. Music played by Carl and

Gerald Elliott, Harlan Suttis and Ray Dibbon was enjoyed by all. All in all, it was a very enjoyable gathering. Congratulations Neil and Louise.

Charles Lewis is recovering at home from an operation at the QEII in Halifax. He's not back to his usual active life yet, but he will be before long, we hope and pray. We mist his friendly wave.

Jean (Hegan) Elliot celebrated her 80th birthday, May 8th at a party in the Bass River community Hall. Carl, Jean's husband, Bill and Mike supplied lots of music. There were joined by Gerald, Carl's brother, on the fiddle. I don't think you could have heard any better music anywhere. An enjoyable afternoon. Congratulations Jean. Margie Taggart has not been well lately, but is better now.

Be talking to you next month.

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