



Bill Wheaton
Parrsboro

Bill Wheaton hasn't been out for a round of golf yet this Spring but he has been on the putting green a couple of times.

The avid golfer, who was born in Parrsboro on Dec. 6, 1920 said he gets down to the golf course every morning for a coffee and is looking forward to hitting the fairway again.

Bill is the son of Walter

and Lottie (Elliott) and he grew up in the town, helping out at his aunt's ice parlor when he was younger.

Bill got into the Air Force in 1941. "I tried to enlist 10 days after the war broke out but they kept putting me off." He said he wanted to be a member of the air crew but was told to enlist as an air frame technician and then remuster to air crew but he never got to make the move.

While posted in New Brunswick, Bill said he "married the best looking girl in Moncton, Irene Breau." After leaving the Air Force in 1945, Bill and Irene returned to Parrsboro where he took over his parents' restaurant and confectionary business.

"I'm the candy man," Bill said. He used to make all manner of candy, including the old-fashioned ribbon candy and barley toys.

The business burnt down in 1962 because of kids playing with fire crackers, Bill

said. He ran a small lunch counter for a spell but they decided to move to the United States. The original plan was to move to Connecticut but "I said to Irene, they have snow in Connecticut so we're going to keep on going. We ended up in Lake Worth, Florida."

After spending about five years in the States, they returned to Parrsboro where Bill ended up as a manufacturer's agent for a Montreal-based firm. He travelled throughout the Atlantic provinces as well as the U.S. and overseas.

The couple had two children, Brenda who died in infancy, and Billy, who is the greens keeper at the local golf course. "And a very good golfer, to boot," Bill said with a laugh. He added he was really looking forward to getting out on the course with his grandsons Ryan and Patrick.



Bill Grant
Advocate

Bill Grant started singing in the church choir when he

was a teenager and he stills get out now and then to lend his voice to the group.

"Mom (Vola (Morris) of Advocate) and dad did a lot of community work and were both very active in the church," explained their only child daughter Patricia Strange.

Bill was born May 28, 1917 in Apple River, the son of Wellington and Utah (Milton) Grant. He spent his early years in Apple River but then the family moved to Spencer's Island, which is on the Parrsboro side of Advocate. He finished his schooling in Spencer's Island

then went on to Acadia University, Horton Academy. He served as a radar operator during the Second World War, leaving the army in 1945 with the rank of Sergeant.

Bill and Vola married that same year and he returned to the area. he worked in Grant's General Store in Advocate with his uncle Edgar Grant. He continued to run the store with other family members until 1974 when he joined Canada Post. Bill retired from Canada Post in 1982 and has kept busy helping out in the community ever since.



Clifford Lane
Bass River

The years Clifford Lane spent operating a couple of stores in the Londonderry area "were very, very enjoyable."

Clifford, who was born in Londonderry on June 21, 1921, is the son of Bertram

and Alberta (Toole) Lane. He grew up in the community and at 18, he left school to help run Albert Well's General Store in Londonderry Station.

He tried to join the Army in the Spring of 1940 but was told he wasn't heavy enough. A year later he was called back up to Halifax where he underwent further tests. He said they told him when to return and sent him home. Clifford said he headed back to Halifax in time but a wire had been sent from the city advising him he had failed the tests and to stay home.

Clifford went back to the store until 1943 when he was called to work for the RCMP in Halifax. after a brief stint with the RCAF, he returned to Londonderry

and the store.

Ronald was married twice. His first wife, Grace Hayman, died of cancer and he married Emily Roberts in 1972. Grace raised her niece while Emily had two children from a previous marriage.

Clifford said he operated the owners' store in Londonderry Mines where he also served as Post Master for a time. he then went to the store in Londonderry Station and ran it until business slowly dwindled away. he stepped away from it in 1984.

"It was a very, very enjoyable way to make a living. you got to know everybody in the community because they all came in and did business with you," he said.

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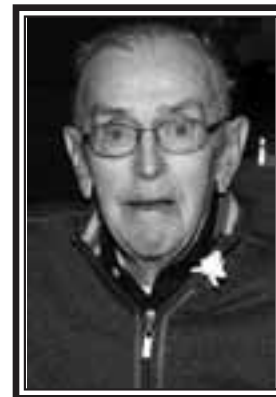
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Great Village Elementary School Notes

By Linda Harrington

Last month's Family Dance was a huge success, thanks to the help from many volunteers, including Laura Sharpe and Alyssa Vincent who put their face painting skills to work.

Congratulations to Maggie Dodsworth Lush, the lucky winner of a "clean up" t-shirt on Earth Day. Special thank you to the Great Village Garden Club for their donation of a book, The Little Beaver.

Mrs. Hicks McCully has been leading a Running Club at noon time on Monday's and Wednesday's. Participants were encouraged to try and run a bit further each day. Students have been compiling photos and interesting articles into a Year Book, which

will be available in June at a cost of \$5 per book.

A string quartet performed in the gym on May 5th, providing background music while students completed an art project for Scotia Festival of Music (see more info in an additional article).

In September, the CCRSB will begin a new "Early Literacy Support" for students in grades primary to three. This Early Literacy Support will replace both Reading Recovery and the Intensive Short Term Literacy Intervention. At GVE, the teaching staff has been reduced by one position which will result in Mrs. Cole being assigned to another school. Best wishes to Mrs. Cole in her new assignment, you will be missed at Great

Village Elementary.

May 18th was Primary Orientation. New primary students were given a chance to tour the school. The 2011/12 Primary students and their families were welcomed at the school on May 25th, as well.

Exploratories will be held on June 3rd, 10th and 17th. Students will enjoy trying some new activities.

A Volunteer Tea will take place on June 16th at 1:00PM in the gymnasium. Field Day will be held on June 20th, with a rain date set for June 22nd.

A Primary Celebration will be held in the gymnasium on June 24th from 1:00- 2:00PM. Students return for their report cards on June 30th.