Great Village Elementary School Notes

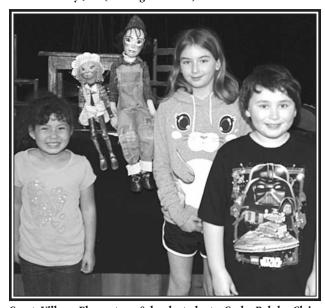
By Linda Harrington

Truro's community boys' choir is looking for new members. They are

sponsored Cantabile Society of Truro. The boys' choir meets once a week on Tuesdays



Heather and Darryll Taylor, of Maritime Marionettes, performed Molly and the Oak Island Treasure at Great Village Elementary School on May 9th. (Harrington Photo)



Great Village Elementary School students Carly Ralph, Claire Carroll and Marshall George (left to right) are joined by two stars of Molly and the Oak Island Treasure. The public performance by Maritime Marionettes on May 9th was sponsored by Colchester Adult Learning Association and the Great Village and Bass River **Elementary Schools.** (Harrington Photo)

after school at 4:15-5:30PM. Practices are held at the Marigold Cultural Centre on Prince Street, Truro. If you are interested in enrolling your son, give Mr.Thompson a call at 895-7582, or email rossthompson65@gmail.com.

The virtue for April was Integrity. The following students received certificates in recognition of this virtue: P/1-Alexis Morse, Kevin Johnson, Ryan Rector, Trinity Graham; 2/3 – Larissa Johnson, Liam Boyd; 3/4- Ethan Smith, Claire Carroll.

A Volunteer Tea will be held on May 28 at 1:00PM for all those who have helped out at the school.

The students experienced the wonders of puppetry with a presentation of "Molly and the Oak Island Treasure" by Maritime Marionettes on May 10th. GVES, West Colchester Consolidated School and CALA co-hosted this event.

Exploratories were held on May 17th, May 24th and May 31st. Thank you to the many volunteers who offered to put on workshops or assisted with the events.

The new Elizabeth Banner was Bishop unveiled at the school on May 18th. A writing workshop was held with Susan Tooke.

On May 17th, the Grade Four students travel led to West Colchester Consolidated School to meet their new principal, some of their new teachers and view their new school.

Constable Jane MacDonald hosted the "Hug a Tree" safety program on May 21st.

New primary students came to the school on May 24th for a two hour orientation session.

On June 7th, the Northumberland Ballet presenting Cinderella.

Students are going to the new RATH Centre in Truro for the day on June 14th

Historic Sites

THE LAUNCH OF THE LADYSMITH **LOWER ECONOMY, OCTOBER 1902**

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

Photo #1 shows the ship under construction at Economy, during the summer of 1902, and the Photo #2 shows the completed vessel at dockside at an unknown port, perhaps at Fox River, where her rigging was changed.

When you travel the old #2 Highway from Truro to Five Islands or Parrsboro, you pass through the three Economy's. As you leave Lower Economy and start up "Economy Mountain" you pass, on the left, a busy cottage community, with a view in the background, of the beginning of the escarpment of the "Five Islands" Provincial Park. In the "Age of Sail",

and for the first twenty years of the 20th Century, the brooks running into the Cobequid Bay at the foot of the mountain was the site of the Soley Bros. Shipyard, and the arrow pointer on map #318 pinpoints the location. The road to the left, across the base of the mountain, led to the homes of the four Soley brothers, and the Berry, Graham, and McBurney families.



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By the late 1880's the invention of the steam engine, and its coupling with steel hulled ships had put an end to the construction of large wooden sailing ships, on this shore. However, the outbreak of the Boer War in Southern Africa in 1899, and the need for sea transport of all kinds to support the war efforts of Mother England, prompted R. P. Soley to bring the shipyard back to life. The launch pad and keel were laid down in the fall of 1901, the winter of 1901/02 was devoted to securing and hauling the timber required for the ship's construction. Launched in October of 1902, she was named the "Ladysmith", after the famous 1899/1900 siege of the city of "Ladysmith" in the south African War. Her first charter was a load of lumber from Yarmouth, to Buenos Aires in Argentina.

In 1907 her rigging was changed from "Barquentine" to a three masted schooner.

She was lost at sea off the coast of Nova Scotia in 1914, and this ended the story of the Soley Shipyard.

The information contained in this article came from the research compiled by Mr. Garfield Perry.

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Onslow Belmont Notes

By Debbie Weatherby

Wow talk about not enjoying the long May weekend, got knocked for a loop with the cold and flu. Not nice at all. And to top it off the weather sure was the pits too. Need some nicer weather to come our way but not what they got in Nfld. no sir. wow.

The poor humming birds need their scarves on in these temps, have only seen a couple up here at my house, not sure about everyone else.

Regular Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Services are held every Sunday at the Trinity United Church in Onslow at 10:00 a.m. Trinity is at the corner of Meeting House Road and Onslow Road. All are welcome to attend and we hope to see you there.

Card social of 45's is held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Admission is 5.00 and a light lunch and prizes as well. All are wel-

Card Party on Monday evenings at Lower Onslow Community Center beginning ar 7:00 p.m. Admission is 5.00 with a 50/50 draw and there is also a light lunch.

Belmont Baptist Church services are held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Prayer meeting is held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Condolences go out to Ron (Lola) Crowe, Central Onslow and the families on the loss of his father Neil Crowe on April 25, 2013.

Was checking the calendar the other day and it dawned on me that the kids only have at the most 4 to 5 weeks of school left. Good heavens another school year almost over. The weeks are flying by like crazy. Time needs to slow down a bit. Until next time take care.



