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20TH ANNIVERSARY CHRONOLOGICAL RECAP

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The Atlantic Regional Glider School, which injects about \$1-million into local economy is in full swing. Local businesses help promote upcoming Economy Clam Festival.

August 1999, (Vol. 3, No.8) – In Stacey's front page report over 200 attended the Staples Reunion in Belmont. Donna Fulton Benoit reports tourism is up in West Colchester and private industry is teaming up with government to do a tourism study for the Fundy shore. Ralph and Vivian Berry visited his mother Millie in Economy while touring in their 1940 Plymouth from California. Clare Pettigrew was grand marshall for the 25th Economy Clam Festival Parade. Recycled asphalt was used in repaving the Soley Factory Road, Debert.

September 1999, (Vol. 3, No.9) – The Bass River area captured the hearts of Rev. Malcolm and Mrs. Burgess, when they moved here in 1939. Their memories of the last 60 years were featured in a Page one story. Approximately 11,000 fans attend Anne Murray concert in Springhill. Eight employees at Rick Creelman's wood chip operation in Glenholme. Linda Harrington reports eight people attended rate payers meeting at Masstown United Church. Caitlyn Matheson, Londonderry Mines grows 9 foot sunflower.

October 1999, (Vol. 3, No.10) – Sgt Lent McMullen, DCM decorated, is buried at the Hillcrest Cemetery, Sorefinger Hill, Londonderry. The account of the life of the Londonderry native, born in 1917, was an untold story until October 1999 issue of the Shoreline. Randy Webb writes this is the 22nd year for ice at the West Colchester United arena and the refrigeration plant was replaced during the summer. The closed St Luke's Anglican Church, Bass River have been put up for sale. Asking Price \$16,000.00

November 1999, (Vol. 3, No.11) – MLA Bill Langille introduces motion to recognize Trueman Matheson, Londonderry for opening a museum in 1976 and authoring a book, "History of Londonderry". In spite of suffering from Parkinson's disease, Everett McCullum continues his woodworking hobby. To give him more mobility around the house, he developed and built, "the chariot". In a Ken Kennedy photo, Linda Harrington watches studentsicker for the best pokemon cards at a fun day at Chignoos Elementary.

December 1999, (Vol. 3, No.12) – The Church of the Nazarene was moved by Sheldon Rushton Moving from its previous location to a new home across the road to the chair factory site in project initiated by the Bass River Heritage Society to cost \$85,000.00. Ed Barley of "Ed Barley Jr and the Barley Boys" turned 80. The ill-fated Berrichan coal mine at Cottam Settlement, Debert was abandoned in October due to "water problems". Walter McElhinney takes over as Onslow-Belmont Fire Chief, after Walter Hamilton handed over the reins following 38 years of service since starting in 1961.

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January 2000, (Vol. 4, No.1) – The secretive bio-chemical plant, Atlantic Bio-Chemical Research Inc. (ABR) housed in the former NATO building is undergoing re-structuring. ABR's phone has been disconnected. Cedar Grove convention centre, which opened earlier this spring has closed its doors. Atlantic Highways Management Corporation makes a \$2,000 donation to the Great Village Fire Commission. \$8,668.33 which was stolen from the Debert Child Development Centre has been returned to the centre following restitution by the former employee as part of her sentencing.

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Great Village Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

"Family Night Out" on May 2nd was a great success with many families taking the opportunity to enjoy an evening of fun activities together. Many volunteers who made this event possible, those who began planning the event well ahead of time, those who set up the gym in the afternoon, those who worked during the evening, and those who cleaned up afterwards. Volunteers also baked nine delicious cakes that several families were fortunate to enjoy. Thank you to all an especially to Geoff McLean and Mindy Miller for their leadership, to students Bethany MacKinnon and Ally Strachen who spent the entire evening painting faces, and to Jeff McKlusky who would only leave the gym once he finished mopping the floor. Congratulations to prize winners Zachary Best won a Lego set, Talon Smeltzer's family won a gift card to the Bible Hill Bowlacade, and Cheyanne MacLellan's family won a Family Swim Pass for the RECC.

Next year's sixteen Grade Primary students experienced "going to school" this month. While at the school, students participated in classroom activities without family members present. With the leadership of the current Primary/One class, the new students had a great start to school.

Fifteen GVES Grade 4 students will have their orientation to West Colchester Consolidated School on June 4th.

Next year, enrollment at GVES once again supports three classrooms, Grade P, Grade 1/2, and Grade 3/4. As in past years, classroom teachers will purchase the necessary school supplies at a cost of \$20/student. Parents can send this supply money immediately, and by June 10th at the latest. If paying by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Great Village Elementary School.

There will be some changes in staff for the upcoming school year. A teacher will be hired for Mrs. Barbour's maternity leave, and there could be some changes in part-time teaching positions (i.e. Physical Education, Music, & Program Support). New to GVES in the fall will be a specialist teacher for Grade 4 French.

Through the Lifesaving Society, Grade 3 students were offered the opportunity to participate in the Swim to Survive Program, and the invitation was also extended to Grade 2 students. Students travelled to the Wilson Aquatic Centre at the RECC on three occasions to learn and practice techniques for water survival. There was

also time allotted to swim and play in the water on each of these days.

Students were excited to get started on the school's vegetable garden this month. First, a section of the back field was tilled and fertilized, making a spot for the garden. Meanwhile, in the school, students planted seeds in containers that will be transplanted to the garden once the temperature warms the soil. At that time, students will also plant directly in the garden. The vegetable garden will have green beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, green peppers, lettuce, carrots and radish. During the summer months, families are encouraged to stop by the school to check on the progress of the garden and to provide care as needed (e.g. weeding, watering). Thanks to Dawn Sprecher for her leadership with this project, and community supporters Vernon McCully,

Balamore Farms, Lowland Gardens, and Masstown Market.

In Peace Groups, students were encouraged to be "bucket fillers". The idea, based on a book, is that we all carry an invisible bucket that contains our feelings. A "bucket filler" says and does nice things for other people. By doing this, they are filling other people's buckets and filling their own bucket at the same time. On the other hand, a "bucket dipper" says or does things that cause other people to feel bad. In each classroom, there is a large poster of a bucket. As students say and do kind things, a sticker is placed in the bucket.

The Primary/1 class enjoyed a presentation by local artist, Joy Sinclair Laking this month. Thank you Joy!

On Tuesday, June 17th, students will have the opportunity to participate in a tour of a dairy farm operated by Charles Hill & Son Ltd. Earlier in the spring, as part of Canadian

Agriculture Literacy Week, Heather Boyd offered a presentation to the older classes in the school, and then made arrangements for our school to tour Hill's dairy farm.

Plans are being made for the Grade 4 students to participate in "Fish Friends" on Thursday, June 5th. "Fish Friends" is a program offered through the NS Fisheries & Aquaculture. The program involves a classroom presentation about fish species in NS and sport fishing. Following the presentation, students will have an early lunch and then travel by school bus to Rayners Pond where they will be able to fish in a pond stocked that morning for this purpose. (Rayners Pond is located off Plains Road near the Stonehouse blueberry warehouse in Debert.)

A Volunteer Tea will be held at 1:00PM on June 19th.

Field Day will be on June 20th with rain date of June 23rd.

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