

# Village Follies Photo Essay

The Village Follies presented "Talking 'Bought My Generation", written by Shannon Fielding for six sold out performances at the Debert Legion Branch 106 in early May. (Harrington Photos)



Cast and Crew of the 2019 Village Follies Dinner Theatre "Talking 'Bought My Generation" (left to right): Chris Turner, Andre Myette, Lynn Macpherson, Malcolm Macpherson, John Harrington, Grace Simms, Paul Gamble, Sandra Allaby, Lisa Gamble, Shannon Fielding, Linda Harrington, Laurence Tuttle.



Stuart (Paul Gamble), Mr. Hoffstader (Laurence Tuttle), G-Man (Andre Myette), Barbara Lynn Macpherson) and Rainbow (Shannon Fielding) link arms at the end of singing "Everyday People".



Cast performing the opening song "Woodstock".



Shannon Fielding, Grace Harrington, Lisa Gamble, Paul Gamble, Lynn Macpherson and Linda Harrington performing "Hair".



The older generation talking to Kelly (Lisa Gamble) about what happened back in the 1960's.



Cast singing "Teach Your Children" to Kelly.



Stuart (Paul Gamble) and Suzanne (Lisa Gamble) perform dance moves to "Suzie Q".



Melanie (Grace Simms) performing "Brand New Key". Grace, the daughter of John Harrington, joined Follies for the first time this year, lending her wonderful vocals to two solos and several group numbers.



Before there were cordless phones! Mr. Hoffstader (Laurence Tuttle) went to great lengths to let visitors use his phone.



Mrs. Quartermain (Linda Harrington) and Marty (Malcolm Macpherson) discover they are in Woodstock, NB not Woodstock, NY as expected.

# Water Walkers stop at Economy

By Anita MacLellan

An Indigenous group of women will be participating in Mi'kmaki Water Walk 2019 are walking from Sipekne'katik First Nation, (Indian Brook) NS to Healing Turtle Island Gathering at Nebezin, in Passadumkeag, Maine stopped at the Economy recreation Centre for a short rest-break and refreshments on Friday, May 24th.

This group of indigenous people will carry a vessel of water 600Km, relay-style, never spilling a drop, as a way to bring awareness of all endangered bodies of water. It is based on the traditional belief that women are responsible for caring for the water and has been described as a "walking prayer". They are raising awareness to understand that we cannot live without water.

Approximately 30 people joined the Wabanaki Water Walkers at Economy Recreation Centre enjoying much needed refreshments prepared by Economy UCW. It was an opportunity for local



Anita MacLellan, left, representing Cliffs of Fundy Aspiring Geopark, praised the 'walkers' for their dedication to their beliefs. (Submitted)

residents to meet and learn from these courageous, dedicated and caring people who are, through prayer, actions and education, asking us to all think about water consumption today and the way we treat the water.

Anita MacLellan, left, representing Cliffs of Fundy Aspiring Geopark, praised the 'walkers' for their dedication

to their beliefs and explained how the indigenous story is so very important to our shore. If we are to be good neighbours, we must learn more about each other's customs. It is agreed, water is sacred. We cannot live without it.

During their walk along the shore, they stopped briefly at Veteran's Memorial Park Bass River at 8am.

# Great Time for Tennis

By Don Cameron

It is an historic time for tennis in Canada. Never before have Canadian tennis players had such success as this year. Perennial top 20 ranked Milos Raonich is a serious threat at all ATP tournaments. In recent months, 18 year-old Bianca Andreescu won a major tournament against the best women in the world. She has rocketed up to a world ranking of 23. Popular Eugenie Bouchard is currently ranked 77. Weeks later teenage phenoms Dennis Shapovalov and Felix Auger-Aliassime both made the semi-finals in a major tournament, and moved to world rankings of 20 and 33 respectively.

Locally the sport of tennis is also going well. In 2018 the Truro Tennis Club received the Tennis Canada award for the top outdoor tennis club in Canada. The Cougar Dome in Truro is widely recognized as one of the top indoor tennis and multi-sport facilities in eastern Canada. It hosts many tennis events along with other sporting activities such as track and field, golf, soccer, baseball, rugby and football, as well as very active birthday parties. Both facilities have experienced membership growth in recent years.

The sport of tennis is a fun and fitness activity for all ages and abilities. It is a sport that can be taken up by young children, up to older adults. It can be used as off-season training for another sport such as hockey, or the beginning of a life-long sport. It provides opportunity for exercise of

the body and the mind. Children that love the sport and want to excel at a high level can enjoy lessons from certified instructors. Adults who are new to the game will be amazed how quickly they improve with instruction. Truro is fortunate to have four Tennis Canada ATP certified instructors working at the Cougar Dome.



Those interested in trying tennis can contact the Cougar Dome where they can provide rackets, balls, courts and instruction, if interested. Visitors can come along with a friend or spouse, or alone and join group lessons at their level of play. Visit [www.cougardome.ca](http://www.cougardome.ca) or 72 North Street, next to the Colchester Legion Stadium and Cobequid Education Centre.

In May, the Truro Tennis Club at Victoria Park will be opening to members and visitors for another summer season of outdoor tennis. It is widely recognized that a Truro Tennis Club membership is one of the best recreational deals available, compared to many other sports. For example, adult memberships cost \$210, juniors - \$120 and under nine years is free. For those interested in trying tennis, free rackets and balls are available to use. Both the Cougar Dome and Truro Tennis Club offer periodic Try Tennis sessions for new players or those returning to the sport. For more information, call 902-843-4171.

# Great Village Elementary School Notes

By Linda Harrington

Although there hasn't been a lot of sunshine this month, students have been making the best of it and are once again enjoying playing soccer on the back field during the lunch break. Each Wednesday after school, students can improve their softball skills by attending the afterschool sports program with Mr. Campbell. If the field is wet, activities are planned for the gymnasium.

This month students attended a theatrical performance of "The Paper Bag Princess" at the Marigold Cultural Centre in Truro. The play was adapted from Robert Munsch's story of the same name and preformed by a young cast from Guelph. GVES attended this entertaining performance along with two other area schools and students had front row seats! Based on the laughter from the audience, the play was a hit!

Each class recently had a visit from Code Mobile. Code Mobile is a model for technology education whereby a Code Squad arrives with all the necessary supplies to put technology in the hands of Canadian youth. Hans and Jessie spent over an hour in each of the classrooms and led students through coding (computer programming) activities on the provided laptops, mostly using a program called "Scratch 3.0". This program can be accessed through the Internet.

At the end of this month, Grade 4 students will travel to West Colchester Consolidated School for the morning for an orientation to this school, and next year's Grade Primary students will spend part of a morning at GVES. It is an exciting time of the year for these students.

This year, GVES has been fortunate to receive funding to be able to support the breakfast and lunch programs at the school. In addition to

packaged breakfast foods, students have access to a fresh fruit basket each week. Once or twice a month, a pizza lunch is provided which includes a vegetable tray, milk, and a cookie. The pizza is prepared, with whole wheat flour in the crust, by Great Village Pizza. Everyone enjoyed the turkey and ham dinners as well as the full breakfast prepared and served by parent volunteers. Students have also enjoyed fruit and yogurt parfaits and smoothies. Funding has come in the form of a donation from the local Masons organization, a President's Choice Children's Charity grant, and funding from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Families and community members are reminded that donations are being accepted at Subway Bottle Exchange and John Ross & Sons in support of the development of a community playground at the school. Most of the fundraising will come in the form of grants and in-kind donations, but no donation is too small, and all donations will be gratefully accepted.

Stage 1 of this project is being supported through the donation of materials and funded by our Home & School Association. For more information on this project, or to offer support/suggestions, please contact Allison Francis ([jazminecody@hotmail.com](mailto:jazminecody@hotmail.com)) or Kim Williams ([newf6393@gmail.com](mailto:newf6393@gmail.com)).

Next month, students will be travelling to Halifax for class trips. Students in Grades 2-4 will be exploring Africville and the P/1 class will be touring the Nova Scotia Art Gallery. For Field Day this year, students will be bowling at the Bible Hill Bowlcade and weather permitting; we will participate in activities at Victoria Park. There is still lots to do before "Grading Day" on June 28th.