

Bass River Notes

By Joyce Starratt

April has not been a very nice month, has it? It was warmer in March. I guess it's much better than earthquakes, hurricanes, tornados and volcanoes. Things are growing; daffodils are blooming, so the nasty weather is not stopping them.

A Holocaust Remembrance Service was held April 11th at Veteran's Memorial Park. A large group of people braved the cold wind to attend the service. Candles were lit and placed around the Star of David, in memory of those who dies in the death camps. A tasty lunch was enjoyed at the Fire Hall after the service.

When I went to Europe, one of the places we visited was the Concentration Camp at Dachau, outside Munich. It was apparently the first one built. They showed us a film of the camp and the inmates released. They were only skin and bones. It looked like they could hardly stand. I tell you it was a very emotional moment. I still get tears in my

eyes, when I think of it. Everyone was crying.

Not too much going on right now. Some of us have gone to church suppers from Debert to five Islands. The Fireman's Pancake brunch in Bass River was delicious. The Elliott's entertained along with others I didn't know. Harlan and Polly Suttis entertained us too. It was a great time. Thanks, boys and gals.

We extend our sympathy to the family of the late Merna (Campbell) Perry. Merna was well known and love my many people. Carl, Gerald and Mike Elliott played some selections. Merna used to play with them. She taught me some chord on the steel guitar and I was allowed to get a guitar. I was around 14 years old.

No visitors with use lately. Visitors with Lucille Starritt over Easter were her son, Dennis and wife, Denise of Toronto and Dennis' son, Adam, wife Lisa and her daughters from New York. This is all I have at this time. Be back next month.

Bass River Fire Brigade Notes

By Peter Christensen

Hi folks, hope the Easter bunny was nice to you.

Well, the pancake brunch was held this past Sunday at the hall. The cooks, who included Paul Boggs, Master Sausage Chef, Steve Brown, that guitar playing chef, Harvey Swallow, Master Pancake Chef, Craig Creelman, top pancake mixer, Brian Grue, the long lanky apprentice fireman and pancake flipper, Terry Lewis, the wise veteran mixer of pancakes and flipper of them as well. Sorry Terry, no eggs this year, maybe next time.

A great group of professionals in the kitchen this year for sure, and everything was done with no hiccups at all, as far as I know. Great job men.

And in the kitchen we had a great smooth day. Special thanks go out to Donald Cook, a steady and tall influence to all, never got upset when a server would ask for more ice cream, than Donald had given her. Her, being his daughter Alicia, great job on the serving Alicia. And I think your dad enjoyed working with you. You did him proud.

Also in the kitchen were Randy Grue, Stan Corbett; RETIRED, by the way, and loving it. Randy was busy with the ice cream, filling those bowls so the maple syrup had a friend to play with. On the dish washer section of our team were Stan, Artie, Harvey,

and some other guy that was just a floater all day.

I don't know if the wives know this, but these guys did not even shirk their duties at all. They looked like they enjoyed it all day. And on lead kitchen aid, Ronda Dickie, a great asset to the day for sure, thank you for your Ontario wisdom stories, they were interesting for sure.

As the community started to arrive at the hall, they were greeted at the door by our cordial hostess with the mostess, Karen MacFarlane. Great day at the door Karen.

And of course all that great food was hand delivered to all our guests by our very dedicated servers, these included Martha Brown, great day on the coffee and tea service Martha, our Fire Chief Alfred Grue, who graciously donated some of his hard earned maple syrup to the cause, thanks chief. And the chief's better half, I know her name is Tammy, but the chief always calls her his better half and their son Bryan, who did his family well at the hall that day. A special thanks to the younger generation for coming to the call of your fire hall. Thanks to Alicia Cooke, Anna MacFarlane, Ian MacFarlane, Alyssa Creelman and Mary Knight. All did a fantastic job at serving and meeting the public while learning social skills which should help in the future

Great Village Historical Society Notes

By Linda Shears

The Annual Meeting of the Great Village Historical Society was held on April 7 in the Royal Canadian Legion Hall. A slate of officers was presented and approved, with Logan Spencer continuing as President and Meredith Layton continuing as Secretary-Treasurer.

Plans were made to hang the panels for the pergola dis-

play at the Wilsons' Gas Stop site at the end of May. Flowers for the pergola planters will be ordered from Lowland Gardens.

There was discussion of possible destinations for our annual excursion but no decision was made. Progress is being made on the history update, with members completing write-ups on various topics. Another "work day" is

MacCaull Villa Notes

By Hazel Hill

Stella Power is spending some time in Five Islands. Dorothy Jordan is a patient in Colchester Regional Hospital. Micheal, Jenny and Fiona Rushton from White's Lake, visited with Phyllis Rushton on Good Friday.

Sharon roode's son visited here on Good Friday; Harry Adam's niece, her husband and two children from New Brunswick visited with him

on Good Friday, then on Easter Sunday additional visitors included nieces and nephews from Debert. Also on Easter Sunday Harry, Dale McNutt and family has dinner with Cathy Adams and family in Lower Debert.

Easter Sunday visitors for Lydia Fisher were her grandson, Leslie and his mother, Glenda Fisher, Hantsport. Shirley Ryan had Easter Sunday dinner with her

daughter, Tammy and husband, Danny Garnham, Little Dyke.

On April 11th, Marian Ross and Donald Langille visited with Florence Adams. Shannon MacAloney went to Halifax on Wednesday to see her doctor.

Several residents at MacCaull Villa have been on the sick list: Lydia fisher, Harry Adams and Mrs. Jordan. We hope they are better soon. Bernice Kaulback spent Good Friday with Bud and Linda Morrison.

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The music was surely captivating the audience that day at the hall. The masters of fiddle and guitar and piano were at their best, Thanks to Carl Elliott, Bill Elliot, Jack Sibley, special appearances were made by guitarist Harlon Suttiss, a local strummer from Soley Cove, and his lovely wife Pauley, who sang a few memorable songs of sweet melodies from days gone by. Nice job on the music kids, loved it a lot. On the ivories was Merv Henwood, from Truro, who played those keys like the way a young child plays their parents just before Christmas time, smooooth. Loved the day of music immensely. As always thank you for helping out your community folks.

A big thank you to our Director of Music, Al Zimmer, who kept everyone he talked to tapping their toes to the rhythm. Whoever said Al never had rhythm.

Thanks go out to the behind the scene folks, Jim, Ray James and Ken Knight as well as Blaine Dickie, who

were there for the set up night on Saturday. A special thank you to the whole community for your continued support.

Well just got back from the hall, where we did training on our S.K.I.D, which is an apparatus we use for taking people out of hard to reach places or water rescues etc. Our injured clients tonight were Brian Grue, who was our first injured person, a very calm but concerned patient for sure. Good job Brian.

Next on the injured list was Tammy Grue, who looked like she enjoyed the rest while M.F.R people Ronda Dickie, Martha Brown, and Kohl Grue, put her K.E.D on her, then took her out of the vehicle to the S.K.I.D, and strapped her to it. She said she felt very secure. Good job everyone.

Well must get ready for the upcoming ATV Rally on May 22. The Trail Ride for Horses will not be held on May 2, due to circumstances beyond our control. But the Fall Trail Ride is already scheduled for Sept 26. Hope to see you all there.

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