



Spring and the rush is on to finish burning before the new growth starts. A many decades old process that is done less frequently due to the high cost of fuel. It is hot, dirty and smokey work that also requires a backup crew with water in case the fire does get out of control. Every spring local fire departments are kept busy because controls do not always succeed. (Lawrence R. Nicoll)

I Heard it at the Company Store

By Wendy Cox

Do you know what I heard at the company store.... I heard that there were over 30 young Easter egg hunters in the Bass River Heritage Park looking for colored eggs on Easter Saturday. I also heard that our local bread delivery man, Mark Swan sponsors this, along with the Bass River Heritage Society.

I also heard the maple syrup producers in the area had a short season with a few back yard producers not even bothering this year, maybe next year Ernie. With all the pancake brunches in the area hope we can find enough to put on the pancakes and the ice cream.

Spring is finally here, the fishermen are out trying their luck in the lakes and streams. I heard young Chloe got the biggest trout in Fountain Lake. And some of those die-hard bass fishermen are out on the beach already too, better hurry Roger. Remember if you catch the big one take it to the store to get your picture taken and enter the big bass contest.

The smelts will soon be in, hope they stay in longer this year than they did last year. We will start to see some familiar summer faces soon. It's time for those cottagers to start arriving to get the water in and start sweeping up those spring flies that are

always waiting for them. It's always nice to see those faces come in. Then you know better weather is on its way.

I was lucky enough to get away to Cuba for a week this spring with my daughter and a few friends. We had 30 degree temps beautiful sun, rum and white sand while we visited. Our first trip south was a good one, even though the hubby couldn't make it. Maybe next time, I just won't let him go to any fire calls at least a month before we go.

The grade nine parents got to go to CEC the end of March to learn what to expect when their child goes off to Truro for high school next year. It was an informative evening for both parents and teachers. I may be 'old' but I still remember some good times at that school and I hope these students do the best they can in their studies and enjoy the school too.

The area has some unhappy events taking place right now with the closing of the Bass River branch of the Credit Union and the possible closing of the Elementary School too.

One positive thing, the community playground at WCCS is a "go". The county and provincial grants have been accepted so watch for upcoming news on when the ground breaking will begin. The ATVers are out and about

Lower Onslow COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

By Ann Fiddes

This is National Volunteer Week and hats off to all those who volunteer their time and talents to make our Community Centre a success.

The Children's Clothing Sale was another great day, what a way to find clothes for your children at a reasonable price, and what a great way to clean out the closets and reap some benefits. Recycling at its finest. Another sale will be held in the fall, watch for the advertisements.

The dance classes for children on Sunday evening attracted over 40 children on

their first night. These classes will run for several weeks and the grand finale will be a concert for everyone to enjoy.

Our Annual Meeting was held the first week of April when reports from Executive/ Committees were heard. We have added a new member to our Board. Laurie Canning will replace Tilmon Martin who retired due to various other commitments.

Card Parties will continue on Monday nights until May 14th and the Open Mic nights will be held until late May. Come and join us for any of these events.

be drawn at the dance.

Holly is doing well and is in rehab in Halifax but is home on the weekends and loves visitors. Our condolences go out to the Grue family in the passing of Joyce McBurnie Grue. Also to the family of Donnie Elliott who was raised in the area and had a camp in Pleasant Hills.

We have some new babies in the area, congratulations to Amanda Bryson and Matt McBurnie on the birth of baby girl and to Amanda Cox on the birth of her baby boy. I know there will be a few more babies to welcome in May too.

I would like to welcome back Bruce and Erma Cox to their home on Portapique Mountain. Good to have you home. Now everyone remember I heard this at the company store and if you want me to pass it on just let me know. Till next month, play safe.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We welcome Wendy Cox, who will author a monthly column, "I Heard it at the Company Store".



When it comes to getting things done, Rick Hollis moves fast. Tuesday, April 3rd dawned with an excavator taking a large bite out of the former Hollis Ford office and showroom building. His staff moved into the new building on Monday, April 2nd, the next day the old showroom and office building was leveled making way for an enlarged carlot. (Hollis Photo)



A lonely satellite dish tower stands watch over a recently demolished Hollis Ford building. (Hollis Photo)

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