



Masstown Greco Express Manager Jim Adshade poses for a photo with Rachel Murphy the first customer at the newly opened location. Rachel was on her way to Economy to celebrate good news with her family. (Harrington Photo)

Spring is in the Air at WCCS

By Heather Boyd

After a much-deserved March and Easter break, the second term has concluded and students are excited to be back to their studies and start term three. April has been a very busy for students, teachers as report cards have gone home, and Parent Teacher took place April 14th and April 15th. The parent teacher discussions are very valuable and we appreciate parents taking the time to attend.

The Scholastic Book Fair was a success, with many students scoring some great books! Sewing Club takes place every Tuesday from April 12 - May 17, inclusive.

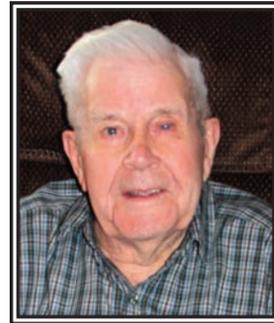
This term's project is a stuffed cat.

The IWK ROCK-A-THON will take place April 29th 3:00 to 6:30 pm. This is a fun event for a good cause where students take pledges and bring their rocking chairs to the gym and rock for three hours. In past years, students have raised over \$1,000 for the IWK!

It has been decided not to proceed with the cookbook fundraiser. Recipes have been returned to students.

The WCCS website will no longer be the school's first form of online communication between Home and School, but it will be updated

with the monthly newsletter. Facebook will be the new location for the Newsletter and other information first. Please join the West Colchester Consolidated School Facebook page, which is for information only.



Family and friends dropped by an Open House to celebrate Walter Perrin's 94th Birthday at his home on April 23rd. Happy Birthday, Walter! Walter is one of the many area residents who have been invited to the Shoreline Journal's 6th Annual 90 & 90+ Birthday party at the Economy Recreation Centre May 7. (Harrington Photo)

I Heard It At The Company Store

By Wendy Cox

Do you know what I heard ... I heard that there are a flock of wild turkeys around! And no, not your next door neighbour turkey. These are big wild feathered turkeys! They have been spotted over the West Montrose Road, the Five Houses Road (where they almost ate poor Jimmie J's dog! "they're that big!"haha) and again back by the highway in Portapique.

I say have you ever watched the movie 'The Birds', well between all the pheasants and these wild turkeys we best beware. Just sayin'!

So before we get taken over by the birds there are a few things we should be doing in the next couple of months. The Bass River Veterans Memorial Park is holding their annual Peacekeepers Day Service on May 28th in the park if it's nice, in the gymnasium if weather is bad.

On that same day the Bass River Victoria Hall will be open to the public to come look at all the work that has been done inside and out in the one year the community pulled together to save her. On Saturday May 28th its community appreciation day, come have a hot dog and look around. That evening we are hosting an Old Fashioned Community Variety Show. Come out and perform or just sit and listen. If you or your child would like to perform, contact Wendy at 902-647-2720.

On Sunday May 29th at 1:30pm Bass River Victoria Hall presents Matt Minglewood in concert. Tickets are available at Dominion Chair and Masstown Market or from a hall member. Come out and enjoy an afternoon with Matt in support of the hall.

The hall people are also

selling tickets on a quilt that Denise Gilley donated. To view this quilt and buy tickets come to a hall event over the summer or buy them at Dominion Chair. To view the quilt, check out the Bass River Community Victoria Hall facebook page.

The Bass River Heritage Museum will be open again starting late May. If you are a student in senior high or university check out their facebook page for job posting. The museum is looking for old photos of people and places of Bass River to make a community scrapbook. For example if you or your parents went to a card party or a birthday or a firemans banquet or even a boy scout outing and have snap shots of these. We would love to have them or we could copy these and return the originals to you.

The scrapbook would be at the museum for all to see. So come on folks I know you have some of these snapshots. Dig out your photo albums or those shoe boxes full of pictures (like me!) and send them to us. And YES it was decided at the last meeting there will be a Heritage Day again this year on Saturday August 6th. We will once again be looking to other Community Groups to participate on this day along with

us. On Saturday May 7th there will be a bus leaving Masstown to head to Parrsboro, picking up people along the way to go to the Parrsboro Shore Hospitality Trade Fair. This bus is for anyone but you must get a ticket from myself or Anita Mclellan to get on prior to that day. This trade show will have businesses and community groups from Masstown to Joggins showing off their community attractions. I am going to represent, Bass River with a table full of goodies to give away and see. Come on down and check out what the shore has to offer. Its open to the public from 9am - 5pm. Drop in on a drive or come on down on the bus, its free!

I hope to see you to at least one of these events and hopefully all of them. That is if 'the birds' don't get you first!! Haha. If I don't see you out I will assume you are either on the mountain fishing as all the ice is out of the lakes. Just ask Ches and Tom how thick the ice was and how quickly it disappeared. So much for ice fishing this year boys! Guess its bass fishing season now.

Have a great month and enjoy the spring weather. The bugs will be here soon to entertain you. Till next time, keep it between the ditches and play safe!

Historic Sites

"VICTORIA HALL - BASS RIVER, N.S."

The arrow pointer on Map #300 locates, in the heart of Bass River, "Victoria Hall". Built and furnished by the "Union Furniture Co." in the early 1870's, the building has been the focal point for community life since that time. Over the years, plays and musical shows produced by both local and travelling actors and musicians found a home for their talents in this building.

Edgar Fisher, the famous poet/chairmaker was a frequent entertainer in this venue, and the building is mentioned several times in his writings. Like so many public buildings in our small Colchester hamlets, the hall had fallen into disrepair and but for the effort of a small local committee, would have been scrapped. An early fund raising effort to install a new roof had the problem emphasized when a rainstorm during the evening provided evidence of the need. There is a new roof installed, and the building is taking on a new life, with youth dances, open mike shows, and professional entertainers providing a 'place to go' in the village. As Wendy Cox reported in the last issue of this publication, the hall was closed for renovations during the month of April, but with summer coming on, and the flood of cottagers taking up residence along the shore needing a 'place to go' the planned events will sell out quickly, so keep an eye out for the "Hollis Ford Community Calendar" in this publication and join the crowds!

Submitted by Nan Harvey

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 pinpoint the circa 1875 location of a Colchester site of historical importance, and connect it to an archival photograph of that site, in that frame.

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