

I Heard it at the Company Store

By Wendy Cox

Do you know what I heard...? I heard there was another awesome dance at the Bass River Fire Hall. The band was new to the hall, Gravity, they were great, played some oldies...and there were some familiar faces on stage too. Mr Barry Ryan who played with the Lincolns a few years back...another gent who played with Exit 13 and Blue Rain. Another that played with Sweet Revenge. They would like to come back and play again soon. There will be a dance at the hall at the end of October with Sweet Revenge. Should be a lot of fun...I wonder who will dress up for this one?

You may have seen an article in the paper or a piece on the news about a family from Bass River who are having an issue with being allowed to stay in Canada. The Platnauer family are from England, but have lived in Bass River for 4 years and have become very active in the community. We are all praying that they are allowed to stay with us.

The Riverside United Church is selling fall flower bulbs if anyone would like to order some contact a steward. The United Churches along our Charge from Portapique to Five Islands had their annual umbrella relay walk on Saturday Sept. 21st.

We received an interesting visitor the other morning at coffee club at the store...an eagle. Miles and Carol McLaughlin pulled in with an injured eagle in a large cage in the back of their truck. Myles and Brad rescued the eagle off the beach in Soley Cove. It had been stuck in the mud and the tide was coming in. They called Natural Resources and then took it to town. This is the second eagle that was found injured in the cove.

Unfortunately the first one was found dead on the beach with a bullet through the chest. This one made it to safety thanks to the people who found it, but, unfortunately died the next day. The vet said it was from lead poi-

soning. I ask how does an eagle get lead poisoning. My first thought is from eating something else that has been shot and eating the bullet. My second thought is maybe from a bass fishing weight. I am not even sure of what these are made of. But my biggest issue is who would have shot the first eagle and why. Wouldn't you like to find that person and have them charged? I would.

Remember that the firemen's annual fall auction is Thanksgiving weekend. A good time to find a treasure or two.

I am off to make another batch of green tomato chow, and I think probably some green tomato loaf too. Thanks to all my friends and neighbors who supplied me with their surplus veggies so I could do some pickling this year.

And don't forget to vote in the provincial election. If you don't vote you have no right to complain...that is my opinion.

Go out and enjoy this wonderful time of year, the changing leaves the beautiful days and cool night. If you want to see it hear you just have to let me know, you can find me at the store through the week. Remember play safe.



Rev. Gerry Kerr and his wife, Ida cut the beautifully decorated cake at a supper held in their honour. The Kerrs are moving from Central Onslow to Perth, Ontario where Rev. Kerr will be minister at St. Paul's United Church.



Carl Crowe presents Rev. Gerry and Ida Kerr with a parting gift on behalf of Trinity United Church Congregation. Rev. Kerr has been the minister at Trinity United since it was formed in 2010 previously with the three congregations of Onslow, Lower Onslow and Wesley (Belmont) United.



Harriet McWhirter, Joan Richard, and Grace Fiddes assist with a supper held on Sept. 4th at Trinity United Church in honour of Rev. Gerry Kerr and his wife, Ida who are leaving for Ontario.

Historic Sites ACADIA MINES BEFORE AND AFTER THE FIRE OF 1920 LONDONDERRY

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



By Dick Akerman

The arrow pointer on map # 302 locates the site in Great Village of the Londonderry Hotel, built in 1861 by Adam Chisholm to take advantage of the huge increase in travel caused by the development of the iron mining complex at Londonderry, this site being the junction of the main shore road and the road to the "Mines".

The hotel was managed for Mr. Chisholm by Mrs. Thomas Yuill for about twenty years. Later, under several owner/managers, the building survived until destroyed by fire in 1898. Ralph Smith built the pictured, "Elmont Hotel" on the same site, and it too was destroyed by fire, in 1932. For many years the hotel's front steps remained as a silent reminder of days gone by.



Today, the Bell Aliant service building occupies the site. Both hotels had a display or "sample" building, in this photo the small building to the right of the hotel. Here, traveling salesmen staying in the hotel, would display their samples to the public or the wholesale trade. The building to the right of the "sample" building was "Will Peppard's" store, and the building still exists, opposite the Great Village post office.

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