



Charles MacKenzie, vice-president of the Nova Scotia Bluegrass & Old Time Music Society accepts a \$4,000 cheque from Karen Casey, MLA Colchester North, while Ron O'Brien, Stewiacke looks on. The 38th N.S. Bluegrass Festival will be held July 24-26 in the Agri-Dome at the Provincial Exhibition Grounds. (Graham Photo).



A smiling Alfred Grue, Chief, Bass River & District Fire Brigade accepts a cheque in the amount of \$1,649.00 from Karen Casey, MLA Colchester North. The monies are to be used so the fire brigade can erect a new flag pole at the fire hall. A Nova Scotia flag was presented at the same time as part of the Brigade's Annual Pancake & Sausage Brunch. (Rees Photo).



Dennis and Dorothy Carson, Five Islands, joined Ray & Carole Dibbons, Economy at the Bass River Fire Brigade Pancake & Sausage Brunch on April 5th. (Rees Photo).



Most fund raising events along the Cobequid Shore can credit their success to entertainment provided the 'The Elliotts'. For years Carl Elliott has always been available to community groups when it comes to fundraising. The Bass River Fire Brigade's Pancake & Sausage Brunch held on April 5th was no exception. (Rees Photo).

Bass River Fire Brigade Notes

By Peter Christensen

Happy spring from the Fire hall. We had a great training day on March 28. It was a full day at the hall with training on Medical First Responder techniques and responses for each scenario. It was a well attended day with members from other brigades taking the training they were lacking or perhaps their tags were about to expire. Men and women attended from several brigades including Onslow-Belmont, Cobequid Brigade, Debert, Brookfield and the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Just hope we do not have to use that training to often. We also acquired a new defibrillator, smaller and easier to use, a great piece of gear for any brigade.

Special thanks to Blaine Dickie for organizing

Saturdays training session. Very well done, and the food was great also.

Just a reminder from our Civic Sign man, Al Zimmer, that signs are a great idea for your safety and piece of mind. And as the ads on TV and the radio suggest, if we can not find you, we surely can not HELP YOU. Civic signs are only twenty-five dollars. To order one please call Al Zimmer at 647-2335.

Just got back from the hall, after our Pancake Brunch. What a day!! I must say it went very well. Lots of folks came to brunch and the food was top notch. Pancakes were light and fluffy, sausage were cooked to perfection, the ice cream was cold and delicious and of course the Maple Syrup was Maple Syrup. What more can a person say.

10 Things to know about Aging Parents

By Chris Urquhart

It's best to prepare for emergencies when possible. But most important is vital information about aging parents or spouse. The following outlines ten things to know for an emergency! (this also applies to aging spouses!). Prepare for an emergency by gathering the information you might need should your parent or spouse be hurt and unable to respond to doctor's questions.

It only takes a few minutes to collect and write down vital information such as medications, surgeries, allergies. A few minutes of your time now may save precious time in an emergency.

Here are, in order of

importance, a list of 10 things you need to know about your aging parents' health: Names of their doctors; Birth Dates; List of allergies; Advance directives (an advance directive is a legal document that outlines a person's decisions about his or her health care, such as whether or not resuscitation efforts should be made and the use of life-support machines).

Major medical problems; List of medications and supplements; Religious beliefs; Insurance information; Prior surgeries and major medical procedures; Lifestyle information (do your parents drink alcohol or use tobacco).

There is a form which you can download at <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/senior-health/HA00029/METHOD-print>. Fill out this form and make a copy of it. One for in the "Vial of Life" in the refrigerator and the other for your wallet or purse. You won't be sorry.

Refundable Drive on May 31

By Chris Urquhart

On May 30th Masstown United Church will be having a Refundable Drive. Please keep saving all your refundables for the Church! If you can help out with our drive - sorting items, driving around to do pickups, or any other help you can think of, please call Kay Maxwell 662-2140.

The money raised from

these drives goes towards the upkeep of our church. It is also a great thing for our drivers if you have your refundables bagged and at the end of your driveway. If for some reason you can't put them there, please call either Kay Maxwell 662-2140 or Chris Urquhart 662-3550 and we will arrange for someone to come right to your door.

May Church Schedule

By Chris Urquhart

Church services for the month of May are: always 9 am at Erskine United, Glenholme, and rotating services between Masstown and Debert at 10:15 am: May 3rd - Debert, May 10th - Masstown, May 17th - Debert, May 24th - Masstown and May 31st - Debert. Sunday School closing will be Sunday May 10th in Masstown.

Bass River United Baptist Church
5692, Hwy 2 - Bass River NS - B0M 1B0

Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.
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Gospel Coffee House
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Lic. Larry Tirrell - Pastor
Church: 902-647-2567 Home: 902-843-5941

A person could say that the firemen and women did an outstanding job, and they were right on the job when they were called away to a structure fire, which fortunately was a false alarm.

A special thank you to all who helped on pancake day. The best part of any big event was and always will be the people who come to these events. It was great to see folks who you do not get to see every day or every month. I hope the memories of the Brunch keep everyone happy until the next community gathering supplied by your Fire Brigade.

But nobody can forget the music and laughter at the Brunch. Another big shout out to the Elliotts. Their music was heard again in the fire hall, and it came with some great surprises this year. It was a real treat to see Wayne Elliott and his wife, Gloria. Wayne used to play and sing at the dances I attended as a younger man. It was plain to see he still has not lost his touch. Thanks for the songs and music, Wayne.

Another great treat, which did not have any calories, was the arrival of Gentleman Jack Sibley, a fiddler of great ability and modesty to boot. It was a real honour to have Jack and his wife Linda, who Jack says "is his own music of his heart." What a romantic music man. Thanks for the memories Jack.

Just came from Fire fighting forest and grass lands train-

ing at Valley-Kemptown Fire Brigade.

I believe twelve of our members were in attendance. We spent the day going over ways to suppress a fire with a variety of methods. Anywhere from a shovel or axe pick to a state of the art airplane dropping two thousand gallons of water over a four hundred metre swath to smother the fire.

We also ran lines and then used different nozzles to ensure that all members got a chance to experience the feel of a fully charged line at a scene. And some of the firemen had to deal with extreme conditions when the hose ruptured in their hands and they, excuse the pun, got a little wet behind the ears. I am just about dried out now, although my ear canal still sounds like the tide is coming in.

Remember that Fire Permits are now required to burn any grass or brush. Even better would be to mow or just let Mother nature green up your grass.

I hear rumblings at the hall of a July first gathering at the Heritage site which will include an old fashion Box Lunch Auction and also some games and musical entertainment. Keep your ears open for future updates.

Have a great April and you may want to check your chimney now that winter is almost over.

Keep your pipes clean.

UCW Spring Rally May 12

By Chris Urquhart

The Truro Presbyterial UCW Spring Rally is Tuesday May 12th at Old Barns United Church, Old Barns, with registration from 9:30-10am. Program will include Margaret Tuez-King from the Tatamagouche Centre and

Faye Smith with a chosen few to help her to talk about McLennan Camp.

Should be a wonderful and educational day! Bring a bag lunch, all ladies welcome! This is a great time to pass in your pennies and Canadian Tire money!

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