



Velma Kennedy, Debert, is dwarfed by ice cakes at sunset on Little Dyke beach, Glenholme. (Kennedy Photo)

Spring in March

*The March wind hums a lively tune
Spring will be here, very soon.*

*Winter days are past and done
Drifts of snow will soon be gone*

*There may be rain in place of snow
For winter bates to leave us so.*

*The calendar says that spring is here
Wishful thinking as I fear*

*Dream of spring with sunshine gay
'Twill help to pass the winter's day.*

F.B.Adams

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There is always room for a good fish story. Tom Turnbull, Labrador City, NL, doesn't have to brag about the one what got away. Shown here holding the world record 17 lb, 12 oz Speckle Trout he caught near his cabin on Esker Road. (Submitted by Jack Johnson).

Out & About with Ken

By Ken Kennedy

Here it is the 3rd day of Spring (23 March) and they are forecasting 10-15 cm of snow. Oh well, it shouldn't last too long as the days are getting longer and warmer. We lost quite a bit of snow last week but there's still quite a bit in my back yard. There's a lot more here than in Truro it seems.

On March 6th Velma and I attended the annual World Day of Prayer at Debert Baptist. The United and Baptist women did a great job in putting it together and you can read all about it at www.debertbaptist.ca. Next year it is at the Debert United Church as they alternate every year.

The next day, March 7th, we attended a seminar put on by members of the Community Chaplain Services of Canada about visitation at nursing homes and senior's complexes. This was held at Debert Baptist as well. We learned a lot about the unique opportunities available to spreading the Word of God to sick and shut-ins. If you would like a visit from me just to talk, read, or pray with you, please give me a call at 662-3029.

As you probably know, Vell and I are both lay ministers after completing a three-year course last June. Also, Vell is one fifth of the gospel group "Higher Ground" and is available to sing at church and other non-profit functions. (She sings - I'm her agent and I even get to carry her guitar!) Higher Ground is singing at Veteran's Place in Wynn Park on the 29th, having been invited by Great Village Legion. Andrew King, Dannie McInnis, Kathleen King, and Randy Fortune are the other members of the group. Speaking of Andrew, he is giving free beginner guitar lessons beginning first week of April. His phone number is 662-2097 if interested.

Last month, I mentioned that I had been kind of weary from sorting through the old back issues of the West Colchester Free Press, which I had stored in banker boxes in my basement cold room. In the process, I came across a few extra copies from 1994-2000 and they are now at the Colchester Historical Museum Archives if anyone wanted to look through them.

Poor old Ivan Boyd was a great supporter of the Free Press and the Shoreline Journal, but Ivan left us last week and we attended his funeral at the Riverside United Church in Bass River on the 15th. I believe he was in his 84th year. The church was packed. In fact by the time we got there they had run out of bulletins. I knew that Ivan had been ailing but hadn't realized he was so serious. It was quite a shock to read his

obituary in the papers. We bought a couple of loads of firewood from Ivan a few years back and he was always Johnny-on-the-spot to check the following year to see if we wanted any more. Before he got ill he would come up to the Double C Restaurant for breakfast and sometimes drop by the house for dessert! One day, as Vell was serving Ivan his coffee, the kitchen chair broke as she went to sit down. She landed on her derriere and poor Ivan was first there to help her up. With all but her pride intact, Ivan looked down at Vell on the floor and said, "You didn't even spill a drop!!"

Another seminar we attended last week included one by Sylvia MacKenzie on identity theft held at the Debert Legion. May alive, that was an eye-opener. Only about ten people showed up but everyone needs to learn about these modern-day scams - especially if you own a computer and are on the Internet. If you don't own a shredder, you should go right out and buy one. I have two small ones, but now I'm told they are not really secure since they only shred longways while the newer ones cut crossways as well. Of course there is always the old "burn barrel" but you are risking a fine of over \$600.00 if caught by the environmental people.

As far as Debert happenings is concerned, you will notice a big change in the scenery as you drive by the base since they have clear-cut the woods

behind the mini-home park. Hard to get used to but I guess we can't stand in the way of progress! The new Shannex senior's complex is just about ready to open, I hear. Sometime next month, I guess. It certainly has changed the face of the landscape as well.

I hear that Dave MacLean has retired from construction work and devoting full time to his preaching ministry at the Debert Fellowship Centre. Haven't got there yet, but hope to soon. I hear there's a joyful worship time during those Sunday morning services!

Frank MacMichael has been in and out of the hospital and is going back again. That didn't stop him from celebrating another birthday on March 7th. Other birthday boys and gals this month include Rev. Henry Boehm, Ruby McDorman, Kathleen King, Erma Sitser, and Isabel Melroy (66 - she announced it at Coffee House Saturday night!)

Speaking of coffee houses, there's lots of music in the air around here lately. On the first and third Saturday there's a jam session at the Masonic Hall, and on the second and fourth Saturday there's a jam session at the Hidden Hilltop Campground. For gospel music you can visit the Salvation Army on the first Saturday evening of the month, the Nazarene Church on the second Saturday evening, Debert Baptist on the third, and Bass River Baptist on the fourth.

Don't forget to take in the annual United Church chowder luncheons and the Debert Fire Hall beginning April 1st - and that's no joke!

My Favourite Pet



Sweet Pea and Mango, 15 month old Lovebirds belonging to Donna Rushton, Bass River, display their joy and affection as proud parents of 3 little chicks. The 13 other feathered friends in the Rushton household are equally proud of the addition to the family and that Sweet Pea and Mango have just won a \$20.00 gift certificate from Clarence's Farm Services, Truro and The Shoreline Journal.



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