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How Much Fun Can You Have This Winter?

Monte Carlo Night

Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this night of *splendour!!!* Come join us for a **Monte Carlo Night!** Games, drinks, laughs, and more... don't forget the "cash bar"!

Who: You, your loved ones, your friends, your neighbours! (Must be 19 or older to attend)

What: Monte Carlo Night

Where: Sackville Heights Community Centre

When: Saturday, February 20th from 7 pm to 11 pm, Prizes drawn after tables close (snow date: Saturday, February 27th)

Why: To get the Community together for a night of fun and celebration, while helping raise money for the rebuild/replenish efforts of the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre

Tickets: \$10 per person, sold in advance (call Jessica at 865-5114 in Beaver Bank, or Charlene at 864-5591 in Sackville)

Dress Code: For a night of splendour, only the best will do! That's your formal wear folks, including but not limited to suits, ties, dresses, tuxedos and of course "Beaver Bank Tuxedos"!!!

Bring your wallets - because there are more chances to win once you arrive... Feeling lucky?

2nd Annual St Paddy's Day Dance

In Support of the BBK Bulletin

We had such a great time last year we are going to do it again!

March 13th

9 pm until 1 am

St John Vianney Church Hall

4 Beaver Bank Rd.

Doors open at 8 pm.

Ages 19 and over.

\$10 per person.

The band is "The Weekenders"

The proceeds are in support of the Beaver Bank Kinsac Bulletin.

Tickets will be available at the door, or call Victor 864-4112, or Dorothy 865-6388, email bulletin@beaverbank.ca.

Thank you to St John Vianney for the use of their hall, the Weekenders for donating their services & the Community Centre for looking after the bar.

Want more fun?

Check out these great events put on by other groups in the Community



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jonathan@secondbeaverbank.ca

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cheryl_jardine@hotmail.com

Community Center Information

Please call Jessica at 865-5114

RCMP Non-Emergency Number

864-6000

Purchase a Yearly Share in the Community & Support the BBKAA

Please mail to: Beaver Bank Community Awareness Association, 1901 Beaver Bank Rd, Beaver Bank, N.S., B4G 1C9.

Name: _____

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Practice Safety When Using Generators

I hope you all had a Great Holiday Season. For the months of Nov and Dec our Fire Dept responded to 19 alarms. They consisted of: 1 mutual aid structure fire, 5 alarm activations, and 13 medical assists. This has brought our total for the 2009 year to 164 calls; this is up about 30% from last year.

We are still getting settled in the bays with temporary heat and power with the hope of having some more permanent heat and power soon. The firewall has been braced and we do have all the trucks inside where it's warm and dry. There is still security in the building until we get permanent heat and power installed. The members are still doing their training every Tuesday night and your fire protection was never an issue. It's nice to get out of the weather. (Just on time!)

Winter is here for sure and I hope you are all ready for anything we may get. I know the power outage recently wasn't a pleasant experience when my generator (that has worked perfect every time I called upon it), didn't start when I needed it. It's funny, no matter how much you swear at it, it still doesn't start. Speaking of generators, I think most of us have heard about the fatality that happened recently involving a generator. Please use these machines with care, remembering both the CO and fire hazards involved when using these units. They need to be used outdoors away from any combustibles. Keep them away from any air intakes for your air exchangers or any windows that may allow the fumes to enter the building. CO is a silent killer and can leak from any fuel-burning appliance (furnace, water heater, etc). That is why it is important to make sure all your heating appliances etc. are maintained on a regular basis. It's also a good idea to have a CO detector if you have any of these items in your home.

In closing remember to slow down on the road when the weather is bad, stay off the lakes unless you are sure it's safe, helmets, seatbelts and smoke/CO detectors save lives so use them. Enjoy the rest of the winter.

-Play Safe, Chief Gord West



Donated Hearing Aides Needed

Welcome to 2010. We would like to start off by saying thank you to all those who attended the Lions Club socials over the holiday season, and thank you to George Hull for your music, as always you add a smile to all of our faces.

We will be continuing our Friday night socials starting at 6 pm, come up and join us at 40 Sandy Lake Rd. There is always good food and laughs to be had.

Our Christmas tree lot was a great success. We would like to thank Peter Sheen for his donation of natural trees, and we would like to thank all those who made a money donation to the club over the holidays.

The Lions Club is still hosting the community groups that needed meeting space and will continue to do so until they are back at the Community Centre. If you need meeting space, call me and we will see if we can accommodate you.

As always we are looking for used stamps, ink cartridges and used eyeglasses (not broken). A new project we are doing is collecting used hearing aides under the age of 5 years old that can be reconditioned to fit others. We know of an elderly couple who are now waiting for some. Your help will be greatly appreciated, all the items can be dropped off at Hartlen's Esso. Also hang onto those pop tabs, as they will go to help provide wheelchairs for those who cannot afford them.

If anyone in the community is in need of a walker, cane, wheelchair or crutches the Lions club can lend them to you. Just call me at 865-5479.

-P.R.C. Lion Carolyn Pitts

911 Civic Signs can be Ordered From the BBK Volunteer FD

From 7 to 8 pm on Tuesday's, a deposit is required

\$5 single sided or \$10 double sided

Do You Enjoy Reading The Bulletin?

We hope that the majority of you have found something of interest in the Bulletin or on our website (www.beaverbank.ca). A lot of volunteer hours are put into gathering, writing and editing stories and information, by myself, Heather, Bonnie, our many wonderful contributors and by Tammy & Jeff on the website. And we need your help to keep it going.

Our new Shares Co-ordinator, Alison Crawford, is currently updating our database of community members who have, in past, bought a "Share In Our Community" (formerly Memberships). If it has been over a year since we last asked for your support, she will be sending an email or letter to you. We realize some of our information is outdated, and we would love to get corrections.

All money collected goes into the production and distribution of the BBK Bulletin, the website and the Annual Town Hall Meeting. Never bought a "Share" before? No problem, all new contributors welcome!

Town Hall Meeting

Our Town Hall Meeting is being planned for early in May this year. Please watch the Bulletin for when and where, as soon as we have it all arranged.

The BBKAA would like to thank the following families, businesses and groups who have recently purchased a yearly "Share In The Community". They are among the many people who are supporting our work to keep Beaver Bank Kinsac informed through meetings, the BBK Bulletin and our website.

Kenneth & Juanita Anthony
Aston Drywall Interior Systems
Barrett Enterprises
David & Mary Barrett
Florence Boutilier
Brian & Brenda Brewster
Jean Lively
John Murphy
Payzants Building Products
Don & Karen Robar
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Grant applications have been submitted for this year's Canada Day Celebrations in Beaver Bank. Our committee will be meeting shortly to put together an agenda with our goal being to make it bigger and better than last year so, keep checking our website and facebook page (facebook.com/bbkcc)!

A few words from Tom Margeson – Chair BBKCC

At this point we have been working with HRM to have the preliminary plans presented to HRM staff with the slight changes to the floor plan that we hope to incorporate in the rebuild. Just about all of our requests have passed the first round, so we are pleased. The next step is to tighten the length of time HRM have given us as to the entire rebuild process from design approval, tender and construction. Currently HRM are telling us that it will be completed in 2011 and that is not what we want to hear so we are pushing back. By the next printing of the Bulletin, we should have many more details to provide to the community.

What is fantastic is that our Fund Raising team is doing a tremendous job and is working diligently to hit our target.

We have just finished making arrangements with the Church of the Good Shepherd to hold our Summer Camps in their Church Hall. Registration will begin in May, details will be available on our website as soon as possible, or you can call Jessica, our facility coordinator.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? (Fundraiser for the rebuilding of the BBKCC)

It may be Sidney Poitier...or not! You won't know until your guests appear on your doorstep. That's the fun!!

HOSTS: - You prepare dinner for your choice of 2, 4, 6, or 8 guests on the date you have selected knowing only that they will arrive at 6:00 pm.

GUESTS: Gather a group of 2, 4, 6, or 8 friends for a surprise dinner on the evening that you have selected. At 5:00 pm. the group leader will receive a phone call revealing your destination for the evening.

Details: Cost of \$15 per guest payable when you register, this is donated to the Rebuild Fund. The hosts are donating the meal. Registration forms will be available on the BBKCC website or by calling Norma at 869-5677.

Dates: Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6 with snow dates Friday, March 26 and Saturday, March 27. Why not participate both nights?? Help the Community Centre by being a host and then treat yourself to a night out!!



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Councillor Dalrymple's Corner

We are well into January, as I write this, so I would like to start by wishing all of our residents of District Two Best Wishes for 2010, it certainly promises to be an extremely busy year as we move forward with many area projects. Before getting into what's underway I would like to pass on some richly deserved thanks to the following:

To the design and re-build Board of the BBK Community Centre a special thanks for a continuing huge effort, as of our meeting on Jan 14th we have a project design to take to HRM for approval and this includes significant additional space.

Thank you to the Fall River & Beaver Bank Lions clubs for your continuing great work on the Christmas Parades - great floats, tremendous community support and perfect weather made it so wonderful for our families and kids along the routes and I would like to personally thank our Mayor for attending the parade in Beaver Bank.

We cannot thank Kathie and her group of dedicated volunteers with the Woodbine Family Association enough, they held another wonderful Christmas Dinner at the Brown Hall, which is quickly becoming a tradition.

Finally, to all those that put on the New Years Levee's (Waverley Legion, Beaver Bank Lions, Wellington Fire Hall, LWF Community Hall), thanks for the invite, its a great way to bring in a New Year with friends and family.

As we ended 2009, December was a hectic month, a few of the events that went on were:

Our Marine Drive, Valley & Canal

Community Council had its December meeting in Oyster Pond and the Development Request for two new Maintenance/equipment Buildings for the Oakfield Golf Course were approved.

Along with two other HRM Councillors I was able to attend a Biomass Tour & Presentation at the Agricultural College in Truro. As a member of the HRM's Energy & Underground Services Committee I was very impressed with the experimental work being done there on renewable energy ideas such as wood chip and grass pellets to be used in a mass scale, hopefully here in NS, soon.

Our Parks & Rec Dept, working with Public Works, were able to move hundreds of loads of fill (donated by Ramar Construction) to Delaney Park in Beaver Bank. Land there is now being levelled and prepared and we are on target to build a new playground, park and small trail this coming summer, a long 5-year wait is getting close.

For some of us that have been working for 10 years to build new ball fields in this District, Christmas this year brought an extra special present. The Waverley Sports Park Board finally received the "Letter of Authority" from the Dept of Natural Resources, this was the final piece required and HRM surveyors are currently in the Park getting ready for a late spring tender.

There were a number of projects that were advanced, finished or started in December, here are some of those:

ADVANCED - after a series of Public Meetings and votes of over 80% approval in the Monarch/Rivendale areas of Beaver Bank on the installation of City Water the Dept Reports are done and the matter is scheduled to come to HRM Council for First reading on Jan 26th.

ADVANCED - as stated above, the re-design of the BBK Community centre is mostly complete and ready to go to HRM for approval, this will add approximately 4000 sq feet to the building.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE HARBOUR EAST COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS - At their meeting on Jan 14th the 6 Dartmouth Area Councillors voted to donate \$12,000.00 from their Capital District Funds to the rebuilding effort for the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre. This is a tremendous show of support and I will be thanking every one of them personally on your behalf at Council in January.

DELAYED - sorry folks, the miserable wet fall prevented our efforts to get the bike park done at the Beaver Bank Commons but this is only a delay. I have the funding in place and reserved for next spring. Big congratulations to Wesley MacNeil and friends who have raised another \$4,000.00 for additions to the Skate Park in Beaver Bank, I have matched that with \$4,000.00 from my Capital Fund and additional equipment will be ordered for the spring.

HRM Council Meeting on January 12th

There were two important issues that were passed at the Jan 12th Council meeting involving this District that you should be aware of:

On my recommendation Council has agreed to start a Public Consultation process on the future use of lands in the flight paths of the Halifax International Airport. I want this process so I can hear from you on your thoughts as to future development in these areas. For far too long we have failed to plan into the future. Public Meetings will be well published in local media outlets.

Council also passed a Motion put forth by the North West Community Council (Sackville/Bedford) so that both myself and the Councillor for Hammonds Plains will join the 3 Councillors currently on this Community Council. I will also remain on the Marine Drive,

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Valley & Canal Community Council; so in effect will now be on two of them. While it means twice the amount of meetings and extra preparation work etc, the benefits and opportunities for residents of this District are large. I want to thank the Councillors from that Council for this acceptance.

I realize this column is getting very long but I do want you to know what is happening in your community. In a separate column I will be reporting to you with updates on the current state of Tax Reform within the HRM and on the District Boundary Review Committee and process, both have huge impacts on our area.

URGENT INFORMATION

In past years the HRM puts out a lot of its information material at its Service Offices in Alderney gate and Scotia Square, I have advised them over & over that does residents of District Two no good whatsoever. To try to mitigate that I have grabbed boxes of important forms and information and I can be contacted for copies of the following: 2010 HRM Grant qualification packages and application forms & 2010 HRM Volunteer Recognition Application forms

I am on both the HRM Grants Committee and the HRM Volunteer Awards Committee and can answer your questions, if you are a Community organization, Minor Sports Group or Not for Profit group please have someone from your group get these forms.

In closing I want to urge everyone to support our local Legion in Waverley, did you know that every Friday from 11:30 am to 12:45 pm our Legion Ladies Auxiliary makes a fantastic Fish & Chips lunch and everyone is welcome, you will find me there most Fridays. Happy New Year everyone.

-Barry Dalrymple

**Please Check the
Website at
www.beaverbank.ca**

Updated information on events announced in the Bulletin and new events happening between issues.

**Drop us a note if there is
something you'd like
on the site.**

Supplement to the Councillor's Column

TAX REFORM - this has been in the Halifax media a lot lately and I would like you to clearly understand my position on this. Two years ago the HRM struck a Tax Reform Committee which has diligently held Public Meetings, surveys and responded to residents comments. From the information received this Committee came up with a series of proposals they felt would bring some balance and fairness to the taxation system the HRM uses. I mostly support these recommendations but unfortunately the urban block of Councillors do not and they are mostly opposed to any changes to the status quo. Articles have been placed in the Herald and Coast trumpeting that Tax Reform is about fewer taxes for the rich and more for the poor, that is completely and totally false and inaccurate. I am completely opposed to the status quo because the current system is based almost solely on the Assessed Value of a Home, this means that there is no provision for either incomes of residents or services provided (or not provided) to be taken into account.

What is very obvious to virtually all of our District Two residents is that we pay the taxes like they do in the urban city with a slight suburban & rural discount but get little or no services in return, just a few examples:
- we all pay transit tax, the difference is that there are buses all over the urban area - virtually none out here.

- most of the urban areas have both city water & sewer, maybe 20% of District Two gets either and we have to pay for the installation of it ourselves.

- All Rec Centres & rinks in the urban areas are paid for by General Tax Rates (everyone pays), out here we pay Area rates (only we pay for them) etc etc.

This is obviously brutally unfair, I support and have argued for a new tax system based on three components and those are Assessed Value of a Home, Services provided and Income. The problem with the whole issue of Tax Reform is that ultimately there are more Urban City Councillors than there

are Suburban & Rural ones so they will always hold the majority of votes, last week the 6 Dartmouth area Councillors voted against any kind of tax reform preferring the status quo. Ultimately they have voted against this because if we bring any kind of "Services Accountability" into the equation, taxes out here, where there are so few services, would have to go down. That automatically means taxes in the city where all the services are would go up and urban Councillors are not going to allow that to happen. We continue to work away at this issue to try to bring some fairness to the mix.

DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW - this issue has just begun to be mentioned in the media and here is some information so you are aware of the process. The HRM is mandated by the Province to review its governance and District Boundaries every 8 years and this review is due by the end of 2010. I have volunteered to represent our Community Council on this Committee as I feel the matter is urgent for our District. This review will determine the future size of Council, size of Districts and boundary lines of Districts as well as Governance issues. As a member of this Committee I am committed to being neutral and fair while we listen to residents comments and opinions on these issues and I certainly hear your comments pretty well every day in this regard. Stage One covers Governance, powers of Community Councils, Committee's etc and there will be 7 Public Meetings in February on these issues. Our Community Council gets two of these (Sheet Harbour & Lawrencetown) and there will be a second set of Hearings in early fall and one of those will be held here in this District. Please come out and attend these meetings and give your informed opinion, there will be changes virtually no matter what. The current mandate says that all Districts are supposed to be within 10% of each other on population; right now we have 22,000 people in this District while a number of City Districts are down around 13,000 or 14,000 - that cannot continue.

Warmest regards, Barry





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Harold T. Barrett Junior High School Wins \$20,000 in Best Buy Video Contest.

Last September, Best Buy organized a video contest called "Best in Class" which invited schools across Canada to film and video explaining how technology would be better used in their schools. Mr. Moore registered HT Barrett and then got to work at writing a script for a 2 minute long video submission. The film was supposed to introduce the community of Beaver Bank, present the current technology situation at the school and propose how \$20,000 would improve the technology in the classrooms of Harold T. Barrett Junior High.

After finishing the script, Mr. Moore held auditions for actors and actresses. Eight students made the cut and they put in approximately 10 hours of practicing/brainstorming/filming until the project was complete. The final stage of production was editing. Mr. Moore completed this portion of the project at home where his first attempt produced an excellent video that was, unfortunately, 10 minutes in length. Cutting the video from 10 to 2 minutes was difficult but the end result was a concise and direct presentation of the reality at HT Barrett Junior High.

Videos were submitted in early November and judging was completed by December 4th. Nationally, 80 schools applied for the program, and seven were from Nova Scotia. The technology advisory board was comprised of three people: Julia Leong, Andy Walker, Amber MacArthur. Best Buy executives were also involved in reviewing the submissions.

On December 6th, Best Buy contacted the school with the good news that Harold T. Barrett's entry was awarded the first prize of \$20,000 to upgrade the technology at the school. Mr. Kim Eisner, General Manager of the Dartmouth Best Buy Store, came to HT Barrett and presented the \$20,000 gift card during a school-wide assembly.

Congratulations to the following students who played a variety of roles in the production of the winning video: Heather Warren, Jessica Perigo, Matthew Butt, Jonna Lawrence, Megan Bremner, Danielle Stone, Justin Weimar and Jack McAulay.

**Beaver Bank RCMP Policing Office is open at HTB
from 9 am to 4 pm on school days.
Please sign in to the HTB office, we are in the Library area**

Cobequid Cultural Society To Hold Meeting & Concert

Imagine us in our New Arts centre!

It's been an exciting year for the **Cobequid Cultural Society** beginning with the adoption of a more user-friendly name! Legally we are still The Cobequid Cultural Centre of the Arts Society. Cobequid Cultural Society is much easier to remember and get your tongue around but you may still see and hear us referred to both ways.

We hosted three new, successful fund-raising events: Singing in the Rain in April, Music and Memories in October and the second annual Sounds Like Christmas in December. Our next concert will be **Stan Carew and the Magpies**, scheduled for Sunday, 3:00 pm, February 28, 2010 at the Bedford United Church on the Bedford Highway. Tickets are \$15.00 and will be available at the door.

Words cannot express our deep gratitude for the generous donation we received from The Soda Shoppe Gang! Thank you so much!

Our biggest news is that we now have a separate and distinct Development Committee. This committee is focusing its time, talents, energy and enthusiasm on the remarkable opportunity afforded by the addition of an Arts Enhancement to the New High School slated for Bedford/ Hammonds Plains (well within our mandated Cobequid catchment area).

A very **important public meeting** is scheduled for Monday, February 15, 2010 at the Lions Club in Lower Sackville to discuss this project further. If you support an Arts Centre, please share this information with your family, friends and neighbours and attend this meeting to contribute your comments, suggestions and ideas. Please make your elected officials aware of its importance. Many are on board already but "the squeaky wheel..... Please watch for further developments from this committee and future fund raising events.

The last time Beaver Bank, Fall River, Waverley, Sackville, Bedford, Hammonds Plains, and surrounding communities collaborated on a project The Cobequid Health Centre was the result. Wow! Let's do it again. Together we can make this happen!

We thank you for your support over the past year and ask that you continue to see yourself in your New Arts Centre!

Please check our web site www.CCCAS.ca to offer your help, suggestions and comments. We value your input and love new members.

-Anne Foster and Ann Benson

Beaver Bank Commons Skating

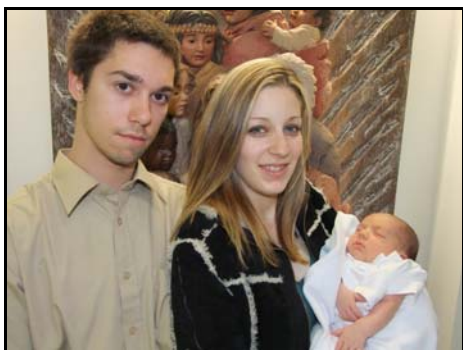
The BB Commons committee have been working on an ice skating area on the back ballfield under the lights. There has been some evening skating available, weather and ice conditions permitting. If the lights are on, the surface is good to go. For more info contact Bonnie Ryan, see page two under contacts.

BIRTHS



Gallop

Abigail Pearl, born to Rod and Annmarie Gallop on the 19th January in Kitchener, Ontario. Abigail entered the world at 9.9 pounds, 22 inches long at 5:38 AM.



Mackey - Liptak

Larry and Evelyn Mackey would like to welcome their new grandson Jake Nickolas to our family. He is the son of Paige Mackey of Beaver Bank and Alexander Liptak of Iqaluit, Nu. Born Nov 21st, in Halifax, weighing 8 lbs 9 oz, Jake was baptised Nov 28th at St John Vianney surrounded by family and friends. The parents have since return to Iqaluit with their newborn son. Congratulation. Love Mom and Dad.

Soubliere-MacIntyre

Kari and Kyle are pleased to announce the birth of their son James Robert, born January 12th at 3:04 am weighing 8 lbs. 4 ounces. Proud Grandparents Greg and Melvina Soubliere, Pam and Jim MacIntyre, Great grandparents Melvin and Elaine Nelson, Diane and John MacIntyre and Moneta Fraelic and Great Grandmother Amelda Marie Soubliere and Aunts Melissa Soubliere and Melissa MacIntyre.

IN MEMORIAM

Lloyd E Gilby Senior

February 22, 2002

Time slips away
But memories stay
Quietly remembered everyday
Deep in our hearts your
Memory is kept
To love and cherish and
Never forget

Lovingly remembered by:
Wife Lauretta, Gaelyn, Buff, Reg,
Scott and all of their families as well as
Aunt Mae



Angel Memory Tree

On Sunday Nov 29th, 2009 the 1st Annual Angel Memory Tree Ceremony was held at St John's United Church. One hundred angels were purchased by family members and loved ones and placed on the tree in memory of a special loved one. The service leader was Karen Ross. The angels were made by the St John's United Church Women. Following the service of Christmas carols and prayers, refreshments were served.

Thank you to Carol Cochrane, Joyce Hull and Berniece Gillis and all who helped with this very meaningful service. Thanks to Carl Lunn for the photo.

-Heather Lunn

CONDOLENCES

The BBCCA would like to express condolences to any of our readers who are bereaving the death of a loved one. We would especially like to make mention of the passing of these community members.

On December 12th, 2009 Jo-anne Dorothy Murphy passed away at the age of 58 years. She is survived by her husband Gerald, daughter Michelle Clark, son Jonathan Clark, 4 grandchildren, 2 sisters and a brother.

On January 19th former Beaver Banker Cpl William Joseph "Billie" Johnson (Ret.d) passed away at the age of 87 years at his home in Stewiacke. A veteran of WWII he was one of the last survivors whose name is inscribed on the Memorial at Kinsac Corner. He was predeceased by his first wife Daisy (Lively). He is survived by his wife Peggy, daughter, Sandra (Mrs. Donald Boutilier), Kinsac; sons, Bruce (Donna), New Waterford; Paul (Cathy), Beaver Bank; and Glenn (Ann Marie), Halifax; 5 step-children; many grand and great-grand children and one sister.

On January 23rd Raymond Peddle passed away at the age of 57 years. He will be remembered in the community as a former member of the Sespennaak Centre Scouts and Beaver Bank Colony leader. He is survived by his wife Susan (Cross), sons Sean & Ryan, 5 sisters and 3 brothers.

And finally, on January 29th Michael Smiley passed away at the age of 64 years. He was a talented musician who played many stringed instruments. He is survived by his wife Catherine (Barkhouse), son Michael David, 2 sisters, nieces and nephews.

May the rest in peace.

-Dorothy Selig

Correction

At the Remembrance Day Ceremony, November 11, 2009, Hilda Tanner laid a wreath in memory of James J Redmond and Patrick G Redmond. Her name was inadvertently left out of the story. We are sorry for the omission.

Dorothy & Heather

Delaney Drive Play Park Update

Good things are coming our way! In case you haven't driven down Delaney Drive recently, there has been a lot of construction activity at the park site. HRM has delivered many loads of fill to the area in preparation for the playground and it's beginning to take shape. The fill will have time to settle over the winter and will be ready for further construction in the spring. This could not have happened without the efforts of our councillor, Barry Dalrymple. He has been extremely supportive of our cause and has been working closely with Steve Oakey from HRM who is the park planner. The park will have playground equipment, basketball half-court and a beginner-intermediate bike park. Also, walking trails are being planned as a second phase. These items should appeal to both boys and girls of a variety of ages.

A huge thank you goes out to the Cobequid Community Health Board, as they have granted us \$5,000 towards the development of our park. This will be extremely helpful when it comes to purchasing equipment and the construction of the bike park. We are currently applying for a provincial grant to secure further funds for the development of the park. Thank you to Darlene Pelley for doing the applications for us. We will know if this has been successful in May 2010.

Fundraising has been started thanks to Felicia Romans. We had a bottle drive last spring, which brought in over \$700. This could not have happened without all the community support in collecting and donating bottles. Thanks to all the families who gave up their day to collect and count all the bottles. It was a fun day despite the hard work. Keep saving those bottles, as we will be going door to door in the near future. Look for tickets being sold on gift baskets very soon.

Thanks to all the families who helped with the clearing of the lot last fall and to Danny Sheen for his lumberjack skills. A lot of hard work and dedication has been and will continue to be required in order for all of this to become a reality for our children and our community. Your support is greatly appreciated.

-Kim Pitts



L to R: Lt Gov Mayann Francis reads to the Primary/1 class; Carole Olsen enjoying her day; Liz Rigney reads and sings "Down on the Myra"

Holiday Dinner for Monarch Drive Elementary



On Dec 17th, due to the hard work and dedication of many members of our school community, the students of Beaver Bank Monarch Drive School enjoyed their second Holiday Dinner. This event was held in the school gymnasium and from all appearances those who participated in this event left filled with the Holiday Spirit. Once again we were fortunate to have members of the Halifax Regional Police Service, the RCMP and some of our fathers serve dinner to our students. We would like to send a very special thank you to all those individuals who helped to host this event by making the table centerpieces, peeling potatoes, helping with the organization, the cooking, the serving and the clean up. It was a wonderful time and one our children, staff and community look forward to.

Literacy Week at BBK School

Literacy Week took place for the schools on the week of Jan 25th to the 29th. At BBK Elementary, literacy co-ordinator Natalie MacDonald arranged for a week of great activities & guests including the Lt Governor Mayann Francis, who read to three classes, and "Live at 5's" Liz Rigney who profiled our school on that evening's news. Other guests were HRSB Superintendent Carole Olsen, MLA Percy Paris, NSTU reps Alexis Allen and Tim MacLeod, HRSB members Irvine Carvery and Donna Hubbard, CBC's Tom Murphy, singer/songwriter Norma MacDonald, harpist Jennifer Wyatt and storyteller Liz Newkirk. Thank you to Principal MacGillivray for allowing me to take pictures.

-Dorothy Selig

Church of the Good Shepherd (Anglican Church of Canada)

28 Trinity Lane, Beaver Bank

Rector: Rev. Don Shipton 455-5684

Sunday Service: 10:00 am

Family, friends and new members welcome.

www.goodshepherdchurchbeaverbank.com

Church Warden: Nancy Kemp 865-6915
nancy.kemp@ns.sympatico.ca

Past Warden: Dameon Lowe 865-2320

Please contact Rev. Don regarding Baptisms, Weddings, Illness or a Pastoral visit.

Card Socials:

Church of the Good Shepherd Hall

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at 7:30 pm, Refreshments provided. Everyone

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We actively support Beacon House and

donations can be brought to the Church.

Mark your Calendars:

Feb 16: Pancake Supper

February 17: Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm

March 28: Palm Sunday

April 1: Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm

April 2: Good Friday Service 12 noon

April 4: Easter Sunday

-Marjie Hartlen

Knox United Church

567 Sackville Dr., Lr Sackville

Minister: Rev. Donna Lovelace

Church Office: 865-9216

Church Kitchen/Hall: 865-1603

Office hours: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Sunday Services: 8:45 am Alternative

Worship Service & 10:30 am Traditional

Worship Service & Church School

Turkey Soup Luncheon:

1st Tuesday of each month, \$6/person

Every Wed: 1-3 pm- Time out for Ladies

Every Mon night: 7 pm - Bible study

Feb 16: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Feb 17: Ash Wednesday Service

Mar 28: Palm Sunday

Watch for info on our Church Sign Board

You are always welcome!

-Eleanor Lewis

St. John's United Church

Administration Building, Main Floor

Ivy Meadows Continuing Care Facility

125 Knowles Crescent, Beaver Bank

Minister: To Be Filled

Phone: 405-2451 or cell 448-6810

Sunday Service: 11:00 am

Sunday School: 11:00 am

Faith United Baptist Church

299 Stokil Dr, Lr. Sackville

Supply Pastor: Dr William Brackney

Phone: 865-5419

Sunday Service: 10:50 am

Peace Lutheran Church

971 Windgate Dr

Ministers: The Members of Peace

Pastor: Jim Slack 864-6506

Office: 864-1625

E-mail: peace.lutheran@eastlink.ca

Web: www.peace.evangelical-lutheran.ca

Sunday Worship: 11:00 am

Sunday School: 11:00 am

Jesus Loves You

-Pastor Jim Slack

1st Sackville Presbyterian

60 Beaver Bank Rd. Lower Sackville.

(Across from Glendale Plaza)

Minister: Rev. Jean MacAulay 865-4053

Church Office: 865-4053 (machine)

Email: firstsackville@pccatlantic.ca

Sunday Service: 9:30 am

Sunday School: 9:40 Sept - June

Nursery Provided: Sept - June

Upcoming Events:

Watch the PCCAtlantic.ca website for further updates.

-Marian Tomlik - Clerk Of Session

Sackville Independent Baptist

114 Beaver Bank Rd (near Tim Hortons)

Minister: Rev. S. Edgar

Phone: 864-3433

Sunday Service: 11:00 am & 6:00 pm

Wednesday Service: 7:00 pm

Living Hope Baptist Church

971 Windgate Dr (Peace Lutheran Church)

Service: Sunday 1 pm

Pastor: Rev. Kelly Holt

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Living Hope Baptist Church is now holding

their Worship Service and Sunday School at

1 o'clock Sunday at 971 Windgate Drive

(Peace Lutheran Church). Everyone is

welcome. Rev. Kelly Holt is the Pastor and

can be reached at 864-5789.



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Email: holytrinity@eastlink.ca

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Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit Staff

Catechetical Leaders: Ann Burton, Catherine

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Finance: Gloria Pottie

Secretary: Teresa Cooke

Lord's Day Masses:

Saturday - 4:30 pm (SES), 6 pm (SJV)

Sunday - 11:15 am (SES); 9:15 am (SFA);

9:00, 11:00 am & 6 pm (SJV)

Week Day Masses:

Monday & Tuesday 7:15 pm (SES)

Wednesday 9:00 am (SJV)

(followed by exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament until 11:45 am)

Thursday & Friday 9:00 am (SES)

Confessions: Saturday 5 to 5:30 pm (SJV)

Tuesday 6 to 7 pm (SES) or by appointment

-Teresa Cooke

Church of the Nazarene

650 Sackville Dr - Acadia Hall

Pastor: Rev. Roy Austin

Phone: 865-2135

Sunday School (all ages) - 10 AM

Morning Worship - 11 AM

Everyone is Welcome

St John's United Church Cemetery

Committee members Ron Cochrane, George Hull and Blenus Lively have been making improvements to St John's United Church Cemetery. On May 21st and 22nd, 2009 a fence was installed by Eastern Fence. The gate was built and installed by Willie Hubley. More improvements are planned for the future.

*-Heather Lunn
(photo by Carl Lunn)*

Percy's Advice For Tax Time

February is the Time to Start Organising your Finances

Every year I hear from constituents who have lost out on opportunities for grants and financial assistance because they didn't file their taxes on time. Often the reason for late filing has nothing to do with time, but a lack of organisation that makes the filing process incredibly difficult. If you have been putting off getting your finances in order, February is the month to start.

Start by choosing a spot to keep your T-4 slips; by the end of this month, all employers are required to mail your T-4 slips to you. This includes T slips from the government for EI, CPP and Social Assistance income.

Next, start the habit of keeping receipts for certain expenses and purchases: day care, baby-sitters, after-school programs; children's sports lessons; gym memberships; monthly bus passes; home repair and renovations; prescription drugs, medical equipment; charitable donations.

When should you file? People know that the deadline for filing your regular, individual taxes is April 30th. But there are a few details to point out about Revenue Canada's deadlines.

If you know that you will be getting a refund, and that you will not have to pay Revenue Canada anything, then you can file your taxes as early or as late as you want. The April 30th deadline does not apply if you are getting a refund. But be mindful that filing late will delay your Child Tax Benefit and GST Rebate for months. If you owe money to the taxman, then it is vital that you file on time – even if you can't afford to pay what you owe. If your tax return is not received by April 30, a penalty is applied to your account. Usually this penalty is hundreds of dollars. But if you file on time and then pay the taxes later, no extra penalty is applied. If you have questions about filing your taxes, please feel free to contact my office. We can walk you through it.

Having Money Problems?

Are taxes the least of your problems? February is a time of financial difficulty for many. The Christmas bills are overdue, the oil tank is almost empty and the property tax assessment is higher than last year. If you're in deep debt on top of that, you may need the help to get back on track.

Here's how the Nova Scotia Debtor Assistance Program identifies the signs of a serious debt problem:

- You use credit cards to purchase necessities such as groceries
- You borrow money to make it from one payday to the next
- You make only the minimum Payment on credit card and do not reduce the total debt
- You lose sleep worrying about money
- You and your partner argue often about money
- Your wages have been garnished to pay outstanding debts
- Your utilities (power, water, oil, phone) have been cut off

If any of these situations seem familiar – especially if this has been going on for months – then you need help with your debt problem.

Call Nova Scotia Debtors Assistance to arrange an appointment 424-5200.

-Percy Paris, MLA

The Keeners are Going Green

The Keeners are going green with the assistance of a Federal Grant for seniors received in December. This is an intergenerational multifaceted program, focusing on organic gardening and composting. There are plans for an educational component for elementary, junior high and high school students and adults including consultation, courses, and workshops. A community organic garden or gardens will be planted. Also a gazebo and cedar multi-level planters are proposed for the new Community Centre after it is built.

This is a long-term project but the hope is to have the educational component started this spring. If this has peaked your interest please contact Ann Benson at 865-0381 or Florence Margeson at 865-3641 for further information.

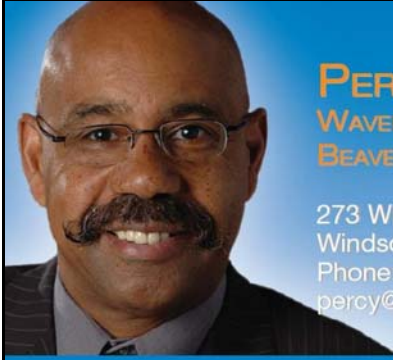
We have a new format for lunches at the Brown Hall. Thursdays will be a Drop in Day starting at 10:00 am and ending at 3:00 pm. A light lunch of soup and a sandwich will be available during that time frame. The Wii will be set up and cards, board games and puzzles will be accessible for anyone interested. We welcome new members.

Please drop in and join Keith and Pat Barrett for card games on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Brown Hall. Join us for crafts on Wednesdays between 1:00 and 3:00 pm. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet we have instructors available.

Lynn Atton's drop in fitness class is very popular and is held at Acadia Hall in Lower Sackville on Tuesdays and Fridays between 10:00 and 11:00 am. Lynn caters to the individual physical needs of the person. It is still only \$2.00 per session.

Many hands make light work. The Keeners are looking for assistance in the following areas: a gardening education committee, a telephone committee, a ways and means committee and a birthday and occasion committee. Please drop in at the Brown Hall at any of the above mentioned times or call Ann or Florence at the above numbers and let us know if you can help in any of the areas listed. Thank you so much.


-Ann Benson



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Deadline for the Next Bulletin March 5th
Call or email Bonnie Ryan to Submit an Article
(see page 2)

Peter Stoffer's February Column

H1N1

I would like to thank all of the health care workers, doctors, nurses, administrative support staff, volunteers and others who provided care during the H1N1 outbreak. I know many of you worked long hours to vaccinate Nova Scotians and provide care for those who fell ill.

Haiti

Canadians are deeply saddened by the horrific earthquake that has devastated Haiti. The people of Haiti and the Canadian-Haitian community are in our thoughts and prayers. Immediate emergency aid and rescue efforts are already underway but it will take many months and years to rebuild Haiti and relieve human suffering.

I want to express my appreciation to our military and foreign affairs personnel, staff from non-governmental organizations, the United Nations staff who were already on the ground as part of the UN Stabilization Mission, and the many others who are participating in relief efforts. I also extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has donated to organizations that are helping Haitians rebuild their lives and communities. I am pleased that the Government of Canada will match dollar for dollar the contributions of individual Canadians to eligible Canadian charitable organizations in support of humanitarian, recovery, and reconstruction efforts in Haiti. For more information, please see www.acdi-cida.gc.ca.

If you plan on making a donation, please double check that your donation is going to a legitimate charitable organization such as the Red Cross, UNICEF, Doctors without Borders, Oxfam Canada, Care Canada, The Humanitarian Coalition, and others. You can consult the Canadian Revenue Agency's list of registered charities and relief organizations at www.cra.gc.ca/donors.

February is Black History Month

Many local activities are planned to celebrate Black History Month. In late January, I am participating in the premiere launch of the "William Hall Play" at the National Arts Centre in

Ottawa as a guest speaker. William Hall was an African Nova Scotian who was awarded the Victoria Cross medal by Britain for his bravery in a battle in India in 1859. The play is produced by renowned actor, producer and director Anthony Sherwood. I am also looking forward to attending the unveiling of a Commemorative Stamp of William Hall at the Black Cultural Centre in early February.

I encourage you to participate in many of the Black History Month events throughout Halifax Regional Municipality. I also encourage you to visit the Black Cultural Centre in Cherry Brook, just outside Dartmouth on Highway #7, in our federal riding of Sackville-Eastern Shore. The Black Cultural Centre of Nova Scotia is a wonderful centre that celebrates the many contributions African Nova Scotians have made to our province. For more information on the Black Cultural Centre of Nova Scotia, please see www.bccns.com or call toll free at 1-800-465-0767.

Need to End Archaic Marriage Restrictions

I recently held a press conference calling on the federal government to end archaic pension restrictions for veterans. Current legislation restricts pension and health benefits for veterans' surviving spouses in the case of marriage after the age of 60. As well, legislation restricts pension and health benefits for surviving spouses of many federal public servants in the case of marriage after retirement. I plan to introduce a bill that would modernize this legislation. It is interesting to note that the Canada and Quebec Pension Plans do not include any such restrictions.

As always, please contact me with any concerns or questions at (902) 861-2311 or 1-888-701-5557.

Friends of Ivy Meadows Residents Society

Upcoming Events for 2010

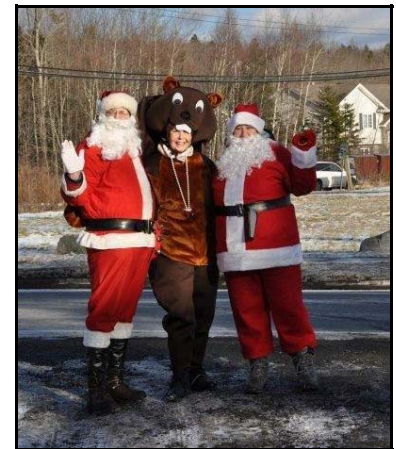
The FOIMRS will hold an "Evening of Music" on Feb 28th at Acadia Hall. Music from their CD "Gifts from the Heart" and music from several other entertainers will make the evening very enjoyable.

A Mother's Day Lunch and Fashion Show will be held on May 1st. At this time the FOIMRS will launch their cookbook "Memories & Celebrations". The Friends have collected many recipes and each one will have a short story about the memories of that recipe.

The Friends would like to say thank you to all who have supported the Society in 2009 and wish each one a healthy and happy 2010.

-Heather Lunn

Raymond Grove, May Renfrew, and
Christene McCutcheon having fun at the
Scouts Tree Lot in December



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