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Has Centreville Ever Had an Apple Blossom Princess?

by Gail Salmon

There have been some questions as to whether Centreville has participated in the Apple Blossom Princess competition. After speaking to several of Centreville's long-time residents and a Centreville Princess, the answer is "yes".

Though it has been quite a few years since Centreville has had their very own princess vying for "Blossom Queen", in 1975 and 1976 several young women were very excited about the festivities! Choosing a princess was a little different back then, as small communities were allowed to participate in local competitions; the winner would go on to the Glooscap Summer Festival to compete in Canning for a reign as Princess.

The first princess participants, in 1975, were Debbie Frail, Debbie Reece (Muis) and Davelyn Foley. These three young ladies, along with their chaperones, joyfully attended social gatherings and teas at the Centreville Hall. After being interviewed, a winner would go on to represent Centreville in Canning at their Glooscap Summer Festival. The winner of the title 'Princess of the Glooscap Summer Festival' would then run for Apple Blossom Queen. Debbie Muis was crowned Centreville Princess and Summer Festival Princess, but her studies prohibited her from running for Queen. The Centreville float won second prize in the Glooscap Summer Festival Parade with a 'summer theme'.

The next year, 1976, enticed more girls. Do you recognize any of them?



(L to R) Pamela Misner, Mary Mair (Haggerty), Mary Ellen MacDuff (Princess Centreville), Janice Plumstead, Mary Ann Burbidge

Thanks to Princess Centreville, Mary Ellen MacDuff, I was able to obtain a copy of the *Advertiser*, June 10, 1976, which included pictures and a write up:

"A Princess Candlelight Tea took place in the Centreville Community Center Wednesday evening June 1, to choose a Princess for the Glooscap Summer Festival to be held in Canning June 25 and 26. It was well attended.

Jean Bruce greeted the guests at the door. Doris Foley, as chair-lady for the evening, introduced each candidate as she stepped through the archway and with her chaperone, formed the receiving line. Mrs. Foley welcomed all guests and introduced the judges who were Mrs. Bella Burns, Mrs. Levinia Zwicker (1971 Queen Annapolis) and Mrs. Glenda Bishop. Background music was provided by Thelma Burbidge. Ceila Best presided at the tea table and Ruth Roscoe replenished.

Kay Murray was in charge of the group of promising young ladies who served refreshments. Lois Manson had charge of the refreshments. Mrs. Beulah Porter announced the Princess and spoke briefly. Davelyn Foley pinned the banner on the chosen Princess. Gifts of apple blossom cups and saucers were presented to each of the candidates."

As our community grows, perhaps there will be renewed interest in the festivities and Centreville may be represented once again. Running for princess is a positive experience that affords an opportunity for the candidate to gain social skills and to continue the traditions associated with Valley life. The commitment of the community leads to a sense of pride and involvement that proves Centreville is a "Good Place to Live and Grow".



(L to R) Mary Ellen MacDuff, Jackie Spinney, Pamela Misner, Ellen Saunders, Mary Ann Burbidge, Jeanette Sawler, Janice Plumstead, Verna Poehl, Mary Mair, Pauline Desborough

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***I've learned that the
best classroom in the
world is at the feet of
an elderly person.***

Andy Rooney

Assistant Editor's Note

In a few days, summer will be here. The apple blossoms and the festival have come and gone - unfortunately, in that order. Hopefully those of you who wanted to see the blossoms in all their glory ignored the calendar and went along with Mother Nature.

As I compiled this issue I realized that it is mainly one of giving thanks. You'll read about organizations and community members who helped clean up the park for all of us to enjoy; a young woman who, dismayed at the garbage she saw on the roadsides, took the initiative to organize a clean-up day; community members' and businesses' support of the CDCDA's very successful fund-raiser; the kindness of members of our community, friends and strangers, and professionals who go above and beyond the call of duty. At a time when we seem all too often to focus on bad news, it's important to recognize that there really are many wonderful people out there. Thanks to all who help make Centreville "A Good Place to Live and Grow".

Thanks to the efforts of Mile Sweeney, we have several new advertisers in this issue. We appreciate their support of our newsletter, and hope our readers will reciprocate by supporting them.

Last, but by no means least, thanks to everyone for your submissions - without you, there would be no *Centre Post*.

Anne-Marie Waterbury

PS: ***NO*** thanks to those who exceed the posted speed limits and drive way too fast through our community - as anyone who walks along Sherman Belcher Road and Hwy 359 knows!

Submissions may be edited due to space limitations or for clarity purposes. Context will not be changed.

Dates to Remember

June 16	Big Breakfast 7:00 am - 10:30 am
June 17	Father's Day
June 20	Park Association Meeting 7:30 pm
June 21	CDCDA Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm
June 23	Gerry's Nursery Celebration
July 3	Between the Bushes summer hours
July 18	Park Association Meeting 7:30 pm
Aug 15	Park Association Meeting 7:30 pm
Sept 13	Celtic Body Workout begins
Sept 15	Big Breakfast 7:00 am - 10:30 pm
Sept 20	GNC resumes, 6:00 potluck

Every Wednesday: '50'-Plus 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

For a daily list of area events, check out www.ourvalley.ca

Thank You from the CDCDA

Peggy Sheffield

The Centreville District Community Development Association (CDCDA) would like to thank everyone who helped make the 12th Annual Dinner on May 5, 2012 a success. Thank you to all who helped set up, peeled and cooked the vegetables, donated food for the supper, served, and cleaned up. This year we decided to go with a roast beef dinner rather than the pork we have served in the past. We served 275 dinners and cleared \$2568.00, which makes it the most successful dinner we have sponsored.

The CDCDA would also like to thank the following businesses for their donations and support for the dinner: Foote's Farm Market, Save Easy Kentville, White's Family Funeral Home, D. O. Sanford's Garage Ltd., Stevenson Repair, Hall's Maritime Welding Ltd., G. K. Morse & Sons Transport Ltd., Auto Trim & Signs, K. D. Rogers Well Drilling Ltd., Gerry Frail, Mac's Berry Farm, Edgewood Estates and Best Toyota.

Thank you again - we could not have been so successful without your support. See you next year.

Neighbourhood Clean-up

Jenny Magee

Thank you to all the community members who participated in the Centreville Neighbourhood Clean-up on Saturday April 28th. The clean-up was a success, with over 20 bags of garbage collected from the ditches and roads of Centreville. The largest problem that was discovered was the amount of dog waste in plastic bags thrown into the bushes. When you pick up your dog's waste, as you must, please take it home and put it in the garbage - the plastic bags don't decompose. Hopefully we can make this Clean-up an annual event to keep Centreville clean for the community to enjoy.

Correction: March 2012 Issue

The article written about *Delft Haus* stated that Les Keizer built the house in the late 1890's, but it seems our sources - who were not the current owners - were mistaken. According to Mack Frail, our local historian, the house was built by Henry Bowles and he moved into it on December 1, 1904. Les Keizer, who was Minnie Sheffield's father, purchased the house in 1931. Thank you, Mack, for setting the record straight on this beautiful house, which is a wonderful attraction for tourists and locals alike. Apologies for any confusion this may have created.

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At Work in Halifax and Centreville

Jim Morton, MLA

Since the last issue of *The Centre Post* I've spent much of my time in the Nova Scotia Legislature. Thirty-three bills were approved during the 34 days of the spring session of the 61st General Assembly. The legislation built on our Government's plan to balance the provincial budget, grow our economy, provide additional ways to access better care sooner, introduce new ways to make life more affordable for families, and put kids and learning first.

If you would like a detailed look at this work I'd be happy to send you a day-by-day description of the session.

My ability to represent Kings North in Halifax is always assisted by contacts with you. In recent weeks I've been in Centreville and at the Hall several times. A well-attended Community Meeting on May 15th provided a lively discussion on themes ranging from advertising alcohol, access to high speed internet, concerns about electricity rates, and the development of wind energy. We also talked about living within our means, funding of public education and health services and, inevitably, about roads and needed repairs.

I was back a week later for breakfast. It's called a *Big Breakfast* for a reason. The food is always plentiful and delicious. A packed house is the norm. As I left the May breakfast, after enjoying the meal and lots of conversations (electricity rates and wind energy policy were top of mind), I learned it had actually sold out. The Big Breakfasts offer a great meal on a third Saturday, but they also do a superb job of connecting folks and help build community.

The Good Neighbour Club got a standing ovation for catering a delicious turkey dinner at the Hall on May 26th, where I hosted a fundraiser featuring Robert Chisholm as guest speaker. Many of you will know Robert, who grew up here in Kings County. In the 1990s he led the Nova Scotia New Democratic Party to a prominent place in the House of Assembly, and he's now the Member of Parliament for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour and the Official Opposition Fisheries Critic in Ottawa. I'd like to personally thank the Club for helping create a successful, welcoming event.

Since I'm on a theme of meals, let me mention Goodchild's. My wife Donna and I had lunch at the Tea Room during the Easter Weekend. Debra and Ray are engaging hosts and the food is wonderful, making Goodchild's just one more reason to make Centreville a destination for local folks and tourists alike.



Finally, I sat in on the Centreville District Community Development Association's Annual General Meeting on May 24th. The CDCDA helps coordinate an impressive array of programs and activities (I counted 20 in the Directors' Report), all of which contribute to Centreville's quality of life. The Board ran an open and efficient meeting and it and each of the member organizations deserve many thanks for their amazing work. But I know more volunteers are needed and would be warmly welcomed.

I hope you've enjoyed our early spring and that your summer is safe and happy. As always, please contact me to share your ideas and concerns.

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on the remote control
when we know the
batteries are almost
dead?*

*...do we constantly
return to the refrigerator
in hopes that something
new to eat will have
materialized?*

*...do we never hear
father-in-law jokes?*

*...do Kamikaze pilots
wear helmets?*

*...doesn't Tarzan have a
beard?*

Centreville's Third Annual Quilt & Rug Hooking Show

On Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12 over 600 visitors to the third annual Quilt & Rug Hooking Show were treated to displays of colourful quilts, hooked rugs and other crafted items. A special display was set up celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Port Williams Town & Country Guild.

The first 25 ladies on Saturday were presented with flowers compliments of Gerry's Nursery, Centreville. Winner of the door prize on Friday was Marsha Yeaton of New Ross and on Saturday the winner was Bette Hicks of Berwick.

The 2011 quilt and rug hooking challenge was 'In a Country Garden'. Viewers voted for their favourite challenge piece: this was not easy, as the challenge items were so interesting and displayed such creativity and workmanship.



Winners for the quilt challenge were:

- 1) Pictogram - Marg Sawler
- 2) In Full Bloom - Carol Griffin
- 3) Baltimore Country Garden - Debbie Vermeulen

Winners of the Rug Hooking Challenge were:

- 1) Grandma's Cottage Garden - Kay Lewis
- 2) Abstract Floral - Betty Best
- 3) Strawberry Garden - Marcia Alders

As well as viewing the displays, visitors could watch crafters at work, purchase fabrics from Fay (Avonport Discount), shop at the Craft & Bake table, bid on Silent Auction items, enjoy tasty lunches and supper from The Quilters Cuisine and - at Friday's supper - hum along to music by the Misty Mountain Misfits of Margaretsville.

Thanks to the church family, our friends, some local businesses, and all the visitors who supported our third successful show in any way.

Watch for the "Apron" event at our Dessert Party on Thursday, June 14th with guest Diane MacLeod Shink. Google her name to find out more about this interesting speaker.

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Good Neighbour Club News

by Susan Wood


In April the Centreville Hall got a thorough cleaning from head to toe by about fifteen members of a volunteer group that does community service. All they received in return was our sincere gratitude and a lunch of hot dogs, chili, cake and ice cream. The hall sure looks nice - the curtains are even white again! Thanks so much to all involved.

The GNC club is getting ready to wind down for the summer break, with our last breakfast on June 16th. Our May breakfast exceeded expectations, with more than 275 served. For the first time, we closed the door before 10:00, as we were running out of food.

We've had a busy season with our breakfasts, catering services, and helping out with community events. To celebrate, for our closing on June 7th, we had dinner at the Old Orchard Inn. It was great not having to do the cooking and serving for a change...


During the summer there will be plenty of activity on the back of the hall as the long-awaited expansion gets underway. Needless to say, we're all looking forward to a dishwasher!

To all, have a great summer and enjoy all the school closings, graduations, vacations, family visits and visitors. See you at the next breakfast September 15th. Meetings resume September 20th, with a potluck supper at 6:00 pm. Don't forget to bring your dishes...



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Centreville Park News

By Betty Harper

The Centreville Park is being well used these days by ballplayers and the general public - whether out for a stroll or walking their dogs. There will soon be more ball and soccer players, so we ask that you continue to pick up after your pets as well as after yourselves. We ask that you refrain from dumping any brush, garbage, etc., on park property. We are a small group of volunteers trying to keep up with the general day-to-day maintenance of the park, and anything extra - due to other people's thoughtlessness / carelessness - becomes extra work for us.


We would like to thank all the people who came out on clean-up day on May 5. We have heard many good things about how good the park looked after the clean up. We still have a long way to go to clear out the brush, etc. We will have other clean-up days in the near future and hope that anyone who has a little extra time will give us a hand.

We are still waiting to hear from the County concerning the Area Rate approval. When we get final approval we will begin to work on our long list of park improvements, which were outlined at the Area Rate Meeting in February.

We are still in the planning stages for Centreville Day, but welcome any ideas, help, etc., at any time. Please e-mail me at the address below.

A reminder: we meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month. If you would like to be notified of these meetings please e-mail Betty at timharper@eastlink.ca and I will add you to my list. We are still accepting recyclables at New Minas Recycling for the park's account, or you can call Betty at 678-0041 and I will make arrangements to pick them up.

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they already know there is not enough money?



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For the second consecutive year, Blomidon Council 918 in Kentville joined hands with Hants County Chapter of DeMolay, an international boy's youth group from Windsor, to help clean up Lydiard Park. A large dumpster was completely filled with shrubs, leaves and other winter debris, to give the park a facelift for the upcoming summer events. Local park authorities were extremely grateful for the help, as UCT and DeMolay fulfill one of their mottos: "People Helping People".

As part of his training, one of the DeMolay boys who attended the event was tasked to write a report.

"This past weekend we had an event where we went to the Centreville Park for a cleanup. There were 4 Demolays present and 2 DeMolay advisors, Mom Marney and Dad Frank. We had taken two vehicles and left our lodge around 8am, and got to Centreville Park around 9:00am. The park cleanup went well, everyone was getting along and using teamwork very well. We had left the park at around 1:00pm and after that we went to a woman's house where we had a barbecue. There was a lot more food than all of us could eat, it was a good trip, good food, and I would like to thank our advisors and everyone involved for being there."

Ryan

UCT (United Commercial Travelers of America) is a non-profit fraternal benefit society of men and women whose motto is "People Helping People". Blomidon Council #918, located in Kentville NS, provides both physical and financial support to local charitable organizations, such as: intellectually challenged, Cancer and Drug Awareness groups, Special Olympics, D.A.R.E., S.M.I.L.E., Chrysalis House, local youth in sports, and many more.

Information and photos courtesy of:
Frank Reinhardt, Blomidon Council 918



Centreville Hall Building Update **by Budd Murphy**



Once again the Building Committee of the Centreville Hall Association is making improvements to the hall. Through the concentrated efforts of Marj Taylor and Merv Steadman, a successful application was completed to the New Horizons organization for a grant of \$25,000.00. With additional financial input from the Centreville Good Neighbour Club, the Centreville Hall Association, and the Centreville and District Community Development Association, an expansion to improve the kitchen and dishwashing/dish-handling facilities is about to get under way.

The New Horizons for Seniors Program provides funding for community projects that are inspired or led by seniors. Community-based projects are eligible to receive up to \$25,000 in grant funding and must address one or more of the program's five objectives:

- promoting volunteerism among seniors and other generations
- engaging seniors in the community through the mentoring of others;
- expanding awareness of elder abuse, including financial abuse;
- supporting the social participation and inclusion of seniors; and
- providing capital assistance for new and existing community projects and/or programs for seniors.

On another note, an application has been made to the Municipality through the Community Hall Assistance Program (CHAP) for the installation of new windows for the hall. If the application is successful, CHAP will pay 50% of the project up to \$5,000.00. The Centreville Hall Association and/or the Centreville Good Neighbour Club will support the other 50% of the project.

As always, if anyone has ideas about grants or improvements to the hall, please contact me at 582-7297.

Centreville '50'- Plus **Association** **"Friends enjoying Friends"**



by Darrell Spurr

The Centreville '50'- Plus senior group meets every Wednesday afternoon 1:30 - 4:00 at the Centreville Community Hall. We have completed our third successful year and look forward to many more. Each week our seniors enjoy card and board games, and our outdoor games are set up and running.

On the third Wednesday of each month we celebrate the monthly birthdays with a special birthday cake. Recently our seniors enjoyed a luncheon and social with the Canning Seniors. Our annual BBQ will be coming up in July. Musical entertainment is supplied on special occasions by a couple of our talented musicians. Area residents are invited to drop in any Wednesday afternoon for fun, laughter and refreshments.



Executive for 2012-2013 are: President Darrell Spurr; Director Barb Keizer; Secretary/Treasurer Myra Spurr; Vice-President Sandra Bishop; Director Gary Coffin

**When I'm finally holding all the
cards, why does everyone want to play
chess?**



Story from the Family Farm

by Mack Frail

On May 12th, Sheila and I moved into our new house on Bains Road. We have sold the old family home where I lived for over seventy years, and much of the land. We have kept the acreage on the back of the property, which includes the forest area on Bains Road where we have built our house.

When my father Wallace volunteered for service in the Canadian Army in 1915, he was a theology student at Acadia College. He served his country during WW I in battles that were fought in France. He was in the front lines on April 17, 1917, when the Canadian soldiers left the protection of the trenches to take possession of Vimy Ridge from the Germans. Near the end of the Canadian advance on Vimy Ridge he received a German bullet in his hip. He was sent to a hospital in Birkenhead, England, for treatment and recovery from his wounds.

Miss Mabel Isaac was seventeen and a Girl Guide volunteer giving out apples to the hospital patients when she first met Wallace. Her 1st Rock Ferry Girl Guide Troop was formed by Lady Baden-Powell. Wallace and Mabel became acquainted during his time in England before his return to the fighting in France. The following year Wallace returned to England for treatment of a German bullet wound through his shoulder that exited his lower back. Wallace and Mabel became better acquainted during the second period that he was in England. After the armistice on November 11, 1918, Wallace returned to his parents' home in Scotts Village, Hants County. Mabel and Wallace kept in touch by letters.

Wallace was familiar with Centreville from an early age, when he lived in the house on the corner of Highway 221 West and Highway 359. His uncle, Henry Frail, had lived at this location and operated a store there. After the store closed his older brothers operated a cooperage there before and shortly after 1900. In 1919, Wallace purchased the newly-built house and property on Highway 359 from Ruben Thorpe. Ruben was the first owner of the store at the intersection of Highway 359 and Highway 221 East, which opened for business in 1873.

After the exchange of many letters, Wallace was there to meet Mabel on October 24, 1921 when she arrived at the Port of Halifax on the ocean liner *Saxonia*. Arrangements had been made for a wedding to take place in Scotch Village. They were not aware of a Customs law that would not allow war brides into Canada unless they were married, so they were married in the Canadian Immigration building. Wallace asked two strangers to stand for them, and they remained close friends. My mother was not married in the hand-made wedding dress she had brought from England, but had wedding pictures taken wearing it at a later date. The day they were married they watched the *Bluenose*, built as a racing and fishing schooner, win her race against the fishing schooner *Elsie*, from Gloucester, Massachusetts.

After their marriage they moved into their newly-built home in Centreville, where seven of their eight children were born. There are a lot of memories that are a part of the old home, including the difficult years of the depression and WW II and the happy times of a family working together to establish and to operate our small family farm. It is with a feeling of pride and respect that I think of my parents, and of my father returning from the battles fought in France. The Battle of Vimy Ridge has been described as the battle that caused Canada to be recognized as a nation. Wallace sacrificed his education when he left Acadia College to join the army. He suffered from the effects of shell-shock, a condition caused from the many battles that he fought in.

My mother Mabel is remembered by her family as a war bride who left her family and the comforts of her home to come to a strange country and live a pioneer way of life. Mabel left her loved ones, not to return to England for thirty-four years. During her absence her father, her mother, and a sister had died. She was loved and respected by those who knew her. Four of Wallace and Mabel's five sons served in the Canadian Army during times of war and peace.

Space does not allow me to include information about the original home's connection to Centreville and its history. The old barn on the property is about 150 years old, and was a part of the Henry and Thaddeus Bowles Mill.

I am pleased that our nephew has purchased the home and property, and that it remains in the family as a reminder of my parents. It is quiet and peaceful here on Bains Road, where we have built our house with the forest in the background. We remain in the Centreville District and live on the road that was formerly referred to as Eaton Road and Pineo Road, and leads to the area that was a separate community known as Atlanta. During my younger years Bains Road was a narrow, tree-lined, dirt road where the tree branches came together from either side. I have information that, during those early years, the narrow and shady dirt road was referred to by some people as 'Lovers Lane'.

Concerned about Speed?

Some residents of Centreville have raised concerns about the speed limits in our community, and feel they should be lowered. If you share these concerns - and perhaps if you don't, you should - you'll find the following information of interest. The Kings Citizens on Patrol had the organization's radar equipment on Hwy 359 to record the actual speeds of vehicles as they passed through. Following is a summary of the results.

Observations: 1882 Hwy 359, Centreville
Friday, April 13, 2012 - 11:10:02 hrs to 11:57:55 hrs

Posted Speed: 60 km/h - Vehicle Pointing South

Sample:

Direction of Travel	Number of Vehicles	Exceeding Posted Limit
Northbound	51	84%
Southbound	48	94%
Total	99	89%

Maximum speed recorded: 85 km/h

The Kings Citizens on Patrol is looking for new members. Here is an opportunity to join a very worthwhile organization and contribute to community policing and security. We have prepared an information kit for prospective members, which may be picked up at the New Minas Detachment, or you may email me for additional details.

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Gerry's Nursery began as a one-man operation, with stock planted behind his house. Pansies were dug up and sold from the large clumps that covered the hillside. The ever-present Joyce helped him out - for free - in her spare time during that first year. Over the years the nursery has grown to six greenhouses and three cold frames (and paid employees!)



Gerry's Nursery is celebrating 25 years in business this year. One of my earliest memories of Gerry has to do with several trees I had purchased. My husband - who was not about to let their late arrival interfere with his scheduled ballgame - was long gone by the time Gerry delivered them. Gerry insisted that they had to be planted right away, and I insisted that they would just have to wait until the next morning. This obviously was not good enough for him: he planted them himself, and by the time he got to the last ones I was holding a flashlight so he could see what he was doing. That was service - a tradition he has continued for all these years.

I'm sure many of our readers have fond memories of visits to Gerry's: favourite plants that are still thriving in your gardens; visits there with your folks, and having a ride on his tractor

as he brought plants from the field; the 'sensitive' plant that no child left without - I know my grandson was just as fascinated with his as his father was so many years ago. Join the celebration, enjoy yourself, and show your appreciation for twenty-five years of a job well done.

Anne-Marie Waterbury

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For those of you who took note of our sign "Welcome Fellow Groomers & IPG Members" over the May 11th weekend, this is what we were up to: The IPG (International Professional Groomers, INC) is one of the only recognized grooming programs that tests its members on skill level, technique, and international breed standards. While not the law in Canada, this is very important information for groomers to have.

This IPG event was the second hosted by IPG President Hayley Keyes, of North Carolina, and myself. IPG certification requires members to complete a course of study that includes four written and five practical exams, as well as a master's exam - all to be completed over a five-year period. The courses cover breed-standard grooming techniques, safety issues, how to handle aggressive dogs, pet health, and when to refer owners for veterinary care. This event had 13 attendees from across the province, including my two assistant groomers and myself, and all passed the tests. Hayley Keyes recommends that all pet owners look for groomers who make an effort to continue their education by taking part in IPG seminars, dog shows, or grooming shows. Just having a certificate on the wall from one place isn't enough these days. Also, be sure to check that your groomer has insurance and maintains a clean and well-organized salon.

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Dana & Kristen Trenholm

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*On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass;
on hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.*

When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.


Be loyal.

Never pretend to be something you're not.

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Who is Centreville Baptist Church?

Marc Potvin, Senior Pastor

I sometimes get asked the question: "Am I allowed to attend your church?" My answer is always the same, "Of course you can!" My understanding of a church is that it is not a private club where only a select few are allowed to attend. A church is a place where all people are welcomed.

Of course, we all have our ideas of what a church is like. This may be due to an experience we had growing up or while attending church. It may be just an impression we have of church goers or a denomination. For example, I serve as the pastor of a Baptist church. I know too well that the term Baptist can evoke all kinds of thoughts, many negative. The picture painted by many Baptists in the news would lead one to want to stay away from us. So often, Baptist churches are made to appear very narrow minded and extremely exclusive. Such congregations often give Baptists a bad name and give the wrong impression.

One of the principles on which the Baptist movement was founded 300 years ago was the freedom of each congregation and individual Baptist to believe and practice their faith according to his or her understanding of the Bible. This means that each Baptist church is independent. There cannot be a denomination – or head office – that can dictate what Baptists should believe or do. Therefore, what one church may do, say, or believe is not reflective of all Baptist churches.

So what can you expect when you attend Centreville Baptist Church? You will be welcomed whatever clothes you are wearing, whoever you are with, and whatever accent you may have. You may sit wherever you wish and will be guided as to what is happening in the church service. Your children are welcomed, too. They will be with you for the beginning of the service, until they have their own time at the front of the church. After this, they will be invited to go to Sunday School with a teacher. Infants, toddlers and preschoolers are welcomed to the nursery at any time.

At first, it may seem foreign to sing as a group. No one expects you to sing if you don't know the words or music. On the other hand, no one will be offended if you want to sing out loud! An offering is taken during the service but as a guest, you are not expected to give. Of course, if you felt compelled, it will not be turned down. The money that is received is used to pay for the upkeep of the building, salaries, and charities that we support in our area and overseas. During the service we read a passage from the Bible, and I help the congregation understand it better and explain how it applies to us today. We gather for about one hour.

Centreville Baptist Church is a community church and we welcome all people from the community.

Centreville Baptist Church

Murray Drive, Centreville

Sunday Service - 10:30 am
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Submitted by Margie Brown
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- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, or to taste

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1. Place strawberries in a bowl. Drizzle vinegar over strawberries, and sprinkle with sugar. Stir gently to combine. Cover, and let sit at room temperature for at least 1 hour but not more than 4 hours. Just before serving, grind pepper over berries.



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Kindness Is Alive and Well

by Gail Salmon

My husband and I learned how human kindness plays out when we had an automobile accident on the way home from the airport in late December. We were fairly far down in the ditch on Sherman Belcher Road; I had just phoned 911 to get help, and minutes later a young man was on the scene. He had heard about the accident and ran from his home, slid down the bank on his behind into mud and water, and came to Jim's assistance, giving him his jacket to keep him warm. The ambulances came and got us out and to the hospital. Friends and family were at the hospital seemingly minutes after I had arrived, and responded to responsibilities concerning our possessions in the car without being asked.

After being checked out by doctors, we were both admitted to ICU, both broken and bruised. The nurses and doctors were wonderful and their kindness went beyond. In ICU we were in separate rooms, but the staff wheeled me to Jim's room with my meal cart so we could eat our meals together. They did this for every meal we ate while in ICU. We were given portable phones so we could say "good morning" and "good night" to each other, and staff made a point to keep me posted on his progress. I thank them for this, as Jim was hooked up to machines and I was worried about him. We were moved to separate rooms in another part of the hospital a couple of days later, but the kindness continued and they helped me wheel my meal cart to his room so we could be together. The kitchen staff were most pleasant and delivered my meal to Jim's room.

We were allowed to go home in a few days, but the thoughtfulness just continued. We would have had a difficult time making meals and buying groceries, as we had been away from home for almost three weeks and there was little in the refrigerator. Friends and family brought over groceries. The ladies of the Good Neighbour Club rallied together and had made a schedule so we would receive suppers - complete with dessert - every day for two weeks. People I had not seen for years came out of the woodwork to give a basket of goodies, and neighbours volunteered to get the mail and clean the snow out of the driveway. Foote's Family Market went above and beyond, as Billy came by after he had finished work to drop off some groceries. We received endless cards and phone calls from Centreville friends and the ladies from Curves in Kentville.

I was rather overcome by the kind-hearted actions of so many people. With so many negative items in the news, I wanted to remind everyone that most people are kind and willing to show their compassion towards others. This might not be an extraordinary story, but kindness and empathy towards another person is always magical. We thank you all!




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In Our Community

Good Neighbour Club

The Good Neighbour Club (GNC) meets at the Centreville Hall at 7:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays of the month (except June, July and August). All Centreville women are welcome to attend and join the Club.

'50-Plus' Fun Group

The '50 Plus' Fun Group meets at the Centreville Hall every Wednesday, 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm. New members are welcome.

Sheffield Mills & District Women's Institute - third Monday, 2 pm.

Pins and Needles



Anyone is welcome to join us at the Community Hall on Thursdays. Bring along a craft you are currently working on and a paper bag lunch, and stay for the day. Tea and coffee are available. We also get together once a month to work on 'comfort quilts': These are made with donated fabric and are sewn and tied, then given to organizations to provide comfort to those in need.

For further information call Ada MacDuff at 678-4483.

TOPS

TOPS meets at the Centreville Baptist Church, Murray Drive, on Monday evenings. Weigh-in is from 6:00 to 6:30 pm, followed by a short meeting. We are open to new members at the cost of \$30.00 yearly, which includes a magazine from headquarters with "Eating Sensibly" ideas and recipes. You can drop by for one free night. For more information contact Leader Esther Peterson at 538-9051 or Madeline Sheffield at 678-7584.

Al-Anon

Are you affected by someone else's addictions? If so, Al-Anon is for you. Al-Anon is a support group for families and friends whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking, drugs, etc. Our meetings are held every Tuesday at 10:00 am at the Baptist Church here in Centreville. For more information, please contact Beverley at 678-4798.

'Big Breakfast'

The Good Neighbour Club's 'Big Breakfast' is held at the Centreville Hall on the third Saturday of the month, 7:00-10:30 am, *except in July, August, and December*. Choices include eggs, bacon, sausages, baked beans, hash browns, toast, tea, coffee, and juice.

Free-will Offering

Next breakfast is on September 15, 2012

Centreville Park Association

The Centreville Park Association meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Centreville Hall. Anyone interested in becoming involved or wishing to share ideas or concerns is welcome to attend. Centreville community members are those who will make the park a success.

Next meeting - June 20, 2012

Centreville District Community Development Association (CDCDA) Board of Directors' Meetings

Where: Centreville Hall

When: Fourth Thursday of the month

Time: 7:00 pm

Exceptions: July, August and September by notification

All meetings are open to the public — come out and support your community's development!

**Next meeting: June 21, 2012
7:00 pm**

(Note change in usual scheduled date.)

Centreville Website

www.centreville-kings-county.com

If you haven't yet, pay the website a visit. It has lots of interesting information about the community — past and present — as well as a calendar of events, old photographs, items of concern to residents, and useful links. It is a work in progress, and depends largely on input by you. If you have an upcoming event you would like posted, send the information to:

events@centreville-kings-county.com



Do you have pictures you would like to share? Pictures of interest could be historical or of nature or people — anything that you think would be of interest to others. If so, please send them to:

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Battery Recycling in Centreville

Used batteries can be dropped off at the Centreville Community Hall on Thursdays, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, as well as at the monthly Big Breakfast, except in July and August.

All batteries can be turned in **except** car batteries.