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The Subdivisions of Centreville

by Gail Salmon

Foleaze Park, Pinecrest Subdivision, Ellsworth Estates, Prescott Meadows, Parkside Estates, Edgewood Estates, and Madison Subdivision all grace Centreville. Beginning in the 1970s, these subdivisions allowed Centreville to grow and help make the community what it is today.

In 1970, Reg and Doris Foley decided to build a house on pastureland up the hill towards Hall's Harbour. Doris said that people thought they were crazy, building at a time when many folk had decided to 'come down off the mountain'. After living there for a year, they decided to try to sell lots. The lots cost \$1,000 each and Reg and Doris were surprised and happy to find that many people were interested. It didn't take long for people to realize that they had a choice location with a panoramic view of the Valley, and it quickly developed into a friendly, thriving community.



Glen Sawler was responsible for the first phase of Pinecrest Subdivision and Ted Davison started the second phase in 1978. Laurie Ells, who owned the apple orchard along Highway 221, developed Ellsworth Estates in the 1980s. Ted was responsible for the development of the Parkside and Edgewood subdivisions, which continue to grow. He has also built five apartment buildings with 24 units, which have allowed many Centreville residents who wished to downsize but live independently stay in the community.

The land that is now Prescott Meadows Subdivision had originally been owned by Prescott Neville, who lived in the large white house still standing near the Centreville Post Office. Prescott owned the farmland and orchard where this subdivision and Ellsworth Estates are located. He sold part of the land to Laurie Ells in the 1960s. After Prescott's death, the land was developed by Kenny Morse.

The newest subdivision, off Highway 359 just past the Welcome to Centreville sign, is the Madison Subdivision. There are sites for 55 houses, with 20 already constructed. Harvey Hanna and his partners, Frank Spinney and Phil Jordan, have created a subdivision utilizing new technology for heating and electricity while keeping the appeal of rural living by conserving many of the trees and fauna.

Harvey said that it had taken a while to come to fruition, as it was originally one piece of land. It took a while to handle all the formalities and legalities that come with building a subdivision that meets infrastructure and environmental regulations, but they were able to begin building after approval in June 2011. There are many trees throughout the subdivision, which give privacy and enhance the environment. The houses in Madison Subdivision are built with inverted technology: boilers/heat pumps that provide heat in the winter and cooling in the summer, four times more efficiently than more traditional methods. This also allows homeowners to take advantage of Nova Scotia Power's 'time-of-day' rates – almost half-price electricity from 11 pm to 7 am weekdays, and all day on weekends and holidays. At a time when people are concerned about the future and the environment, the houses provide good energy efficiency. Hanna says that there are still lots and houses for sale.

Both Ted Davison and Harvey Hanna commented that Centreville is a preferred place to live, as it is close to all the local amenities and has a county sewer system and good water. Of course, anyone living in Centreville knows how wonderful it is to live here. It is a warm and friendly community: rural living with all the advantages of shopping, towns and entertainment nearby.

Merry Christmas!

The Centre Post is published four times a year: September, December, March and June.

The deadline for news items, etc., is the 1st day of these months, with the newsletter at the outlets by the 21st. It is always good to get your information in before the deadline.

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Associate Editor's Note

In September, I went to Ireland for the first time and had an excellent visit. Below is a picture of me at the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland.

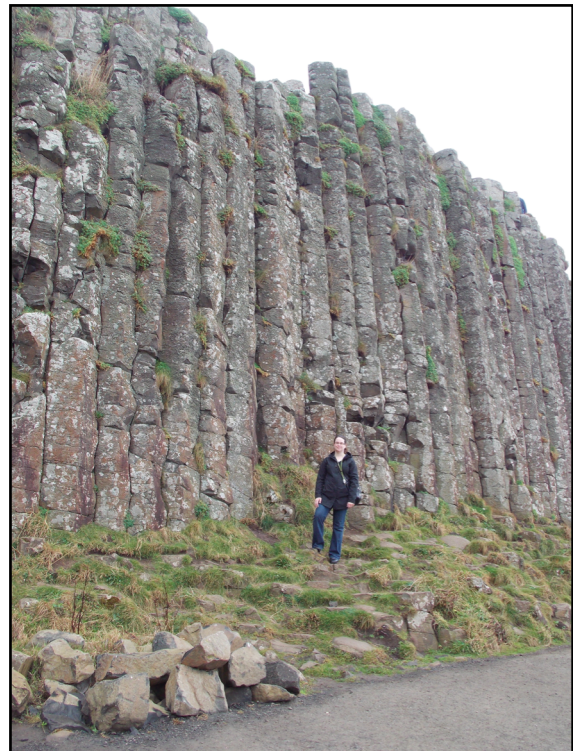
Thank you to all of the contributors and advertisers in this issue of *The Centre Post*.

A reminder to turn on your headlights when driving, as the days are shorter and darker.

Season's Greetings! See you in the new year!

Elisha Harper

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A Message From Your New MLA

John Lohr, MLA Kings North

Greetings Friends:

I am very pleased to be writing in the *Centre Post* as your new MLA. As most of you know, it was by a 21- vote margin that I won the election, and similarly in a recount. From my basketball-playing days I know that a victory by the smallest of margins is both the most satisfying to win and the most difficult to accept in loss. To my fellow candidates I wish to offer my appreciation for a campaign well run and recognize that tough loss.

In particular I wish to acknowledge Jim Morton's fine service to the residents of Kings North these past four years. Jim put every possible effort into both being the MLA and into winning re-election, and I would like to say a big thank you from all the residents of the county. I also wish to acknowledge that Jim has been most helpful in my transitioning into the MLA office in Centre Square in Kentville.

Our office is located at 401A Main Street, Kentville, B4N 1K7. The phone number is 365-3420. My constituency assistant is JoAnne Bond and she will be available at the office Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Some of you may recall that JoAnne worked in former MLA Mark Parent's office for many years as his constituency assistant. I know the residents of Kings North will be well served by JoAnne, and she will be teaching me to be the MLA too!

I will be publishing a weekly newsletter and the first edition is slated to go out this week. The newsletter will contain both a variety of government updates and community event notices. Please email me if you have an event you want posted in the newsletter or would like to receive a copy. My email address is johnlohrmla@gmail.com.

As a lifelong farmer I can't help but reflect on the

changing seasons. As the days get colder and shorter in November I think of the many years I was cutting cabbage and racing to get all the crop in before freeze up. It is clear that around Kings North farmers are scrambling to get the crops in.

This year the seasons have changed in other ways for me. Many of you have asked me what will happen to Farmer John's Herbs as I throw my energy into serving Kings North. The answer is that the farm will be fine. For that I owe a big debt of gratitude to my wife Heather and two oldest sons, Justin and Aaron. They are all stepping up to new roles and, remarkably, my father - at 82 - is still building machinery for us! Words cannot express my appreciation for each one of them.

I wish to express my thanks to you, the voters of Centreville, for your support. I will do my best to serve you in the coming years. In conclusion, I extend my best wishes for a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all of you.

John

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- Giada De Laurentiis

7th Annual Tree Lighting

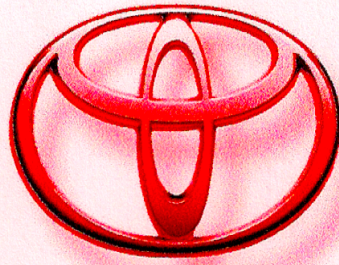
The 7th annual tree lighting was held on December 2 at the Centreville Hall. Approximately 80 people attended, with Rev. Marc Potvin emceeing. Buster Best had the honour of lighting this year's 15-foot tree, which was generously donated by Kenny Morse. Rev. Potvin led a carol sing, which was followed by light refreshments (cookies, hot chocolate and hot apple cider). The tree lighting was sponsored by the CDCDA. A special thank you to the tree lighting committee for your contribution. Mark your calendars for next year's tree lighting and remember to bring your family and friends.

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The First Cornwallis Baptist Church

by Hazel Roscoe
 Submitted by Minnie Sheffield

The First Cornwallis Baptist Church was organized in Canard in 1807. It became the Mother Church for this area.

For many years, Centreville did not have a church of its own - services were held upstairs over the old schoolhouse on the corner of Hwy 359 and Billtown Rd. They met twice a month and it was here, on January 11, 1918, they decided to have their own church building at Canard. They began with 20 members.

Prior to this time, the junction of the road in the village of Centreville was occupied by a general store owned by H. Bowles, later by R. Thorpe. When this building was sold and moved north of the village to land now owned by the Frails, Mr. Thorpe kindly donated this site for the new church to be built on.

It is interesting to note the new two-room schoolhouse across the road was built about the same time. It is now a well-used Community Centre.

On May 16, 1920, the new church was dedicated by Dr. DeWolfe of Acadia. When the building was widened two years later, the cost was \$50.00! Mrs. Newcombe donated a bell for the steeple in 1959, and three years later a communion table was given by H. Balsor.

Dr. Fenerty was speaker at a dedication service in 1974, when the pulpit in memory of H. Burbidge and the pulpit chair in memory of E. Farnsworth were donated. Also in 1974, the church members voted to become independent.

Rev. Robert Billings was the first full-time pastor, followed by Rev. Bruce Musgrave; later by Rev. Gerald Zinck assisted by his wife Dianne. As the congregation of Centreville United Baptist Church grew in number, a larger church was needed, with a larger parking area. Land was donated by Lloyd and Kay Murray, and a



beautiful new church was erected on Murray Drive. On June 23, 1996, a sod-breaking ceremony took place with Rev. Gerald Zinck officiating. Guest speaker was Rev. John Beers. On December 1, 1996, the church was dedicated by two former pastors, Dr. Fenerty and Rev. Billings.

The church Auxiliary has taken a very supportive role in many of the church projects over the years.

The church has been very fortunate to have gifted musicians, and on Sunday mornings one can be inspired by lovely music from the choirs, organ and piano.

Rev. Marc Potvin, our present pastor, assisted by his wife, Janice, continues to lead us in being a warm friendly church with a caring ministry.

Note: In the year 2002, the word "United" was deleted. We are now known as Centreville Baptist Church.

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Story from the Family Farm

by Mack Frail



George and Dorothy Thorpe lived in the house opposite Lydiard Road intersection and north of Sherman Belcher Road, west of the long driveway. They had four children, but Lewis and Grace were the only members of the family I was acquainted with. Louie was twelve years old when his mother died in 1944, and a few years older than his sister Grace. I am not aware of a relationship between George Thorpe and the other Thorpe families in Centreville.

Louie and my brother Gerry formed a close friendship when they attended the Centreville School lower- grade classroom, and were in the same grades. Louie would often come to our home, and I recall his kindness to his younger sister, Grace, when he would bring her along, pulling her in a cart or a hand sled. Louie and Gerry enjoyed being together not only because they were the same age and in the same class in school, but for other reasons, too. One of the things they had in common that did not make them popular with their school teacher or their parents was that they got into a lot of trouble at school and at home.

Louie moved from Centreville in 1947, and Gerry and I were only frequently in touch with him. It was after receiving the news that Louie was a patient at Kentville Hospital that we visited with him on October 28, 2013, and renewed our old friendships. Louie was pleased to have us visit with him, especially his close and long-time friend Gerry Frail. Although Louie was in a weak condition sitting up in his hospital bed, he would smile when we spoke about when he was growing up in Centreville. He remembered the summer day many years ago when he was attempting to catch a mud turtle and fell into the lily pond. During our previous meetings Louie had described the event to me, and the close call he had that day.

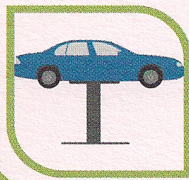
Louie was all slicked up and dressed in his Sunday best that hot summer day when he left home early to attend Sunday School in the old Baptist Church. His plan was to catch a mud turtle to take with him to Sunday School. He was a popular boy who liked attention from the other children (a show-off), and he knew that a mud turtle would attract their attention. Louie was forbidden to go to the lily pond, which is very deep and dangerous - especially for children. (The smaller, shallow pond where we caught turtles was beyond the lily pond.) He was in a hurry this day and wanted to go to the church to be with his peers. I am more than two years younger than my brother Gerry and Louie, and when I was a boy I looked up to them with admiration for their skills when performing the activities that we did as children. I am not attempting to be the judge of their abilities (though, considering my own boyhood experiences, I could qualify). It would have been nice to keep the reputation in the family, but (to be honest) I believe Louie had a slight edge over my brother Gerry with a slingshot and catching turtles.

There is a lot of skill involved with catching a mud turtle because they are aware of the slightest movement near them, and they will suddenly disappear below the surface of the water. It is necessary to grasp them with a sudden movement from behind before they become aware. Louie had a lot of practice, and he had turtle catching down to a science. When Louie arrived at the lily pond he spotted a turtle near a tree that had fallen into the water. His plan was to quietly work his way out on the tree, crouch down, and snatch his prize. It was not as easy as he had planned because the turtle would not cooperate - each time he reached out it moved a little farther away, until he lost his balance and fell into the pond. He grabbed the tree and managed to reach shore through the stinking green slime that settles around the edge of the pond during the summer months. His appearance and smell had suddenly changed after he emerged from the water with his good clothes covered with slime. He reached the church as his classmates were arriving for Sunday School but he was not welcome to attend, and they kept their distance to avoid the awful smell. Louie had a lot on his mind as he was walking along the road on his way home. The one thought that concerned him the most was his father's reaction when they would meet on his return home. Louie did not provide me with information concerning the discipline he received from his father, but when it was mentioned I was convinced by his expression that it was severe. He did mention that he never went turtle catching at the lily pond again.

Gerry and I were among Louie's good friends who were saddened to hear of his death on October 29, 2013.

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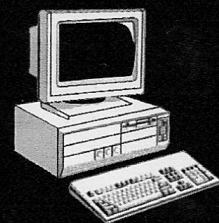


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Open waterways and ice: If you're taking your dog to an area with known water access, be aware of two things: ice thickness and running water. Both can be very dangerous and may require you to be quick on your feet for a rescue and a quick exit to get your dog's body temperature back up.

Jackets: Dressing dogs in jackets can be very beneficial if you're going to be outside for extended periods of time (walking, hiking, playing, or even in the car), but keep in mind that dogs lose most of their heat through their feet, ears and respiratory system.

Travel: Traveling with your dog is a must for most people these days, but during the winter it can be just as dangerous as in the heat of summer. Cars cool down just as fast as they heat up, so be sure to have your dog dressed properly and provided with extra bedding and blankets if it's to be left unattended in the car for any period of time. Winter roads can also be tricky, so when packing your emergency bag for the car, don't forget your dog's bag too!

Bedtime: When you're all headed off to bed and the house cools down, or away from the house all day, be sure that you have provided the dog with a dog bed or blankets to sleep on. Drafts can be just as hard on dogs as on us humans – especially old, thin-coated, or sick dogs.

Food health: With all these temperature fluctuations skin can take a beating, so be sure to supplement your dog's diet with some omegas - whether it's from fish oil, hemp oil or capsules.

Winter Grooming

Short pads and toe feathers: Long hair between the toes and pads can be a hazard to your dog during the winter months. Regular maintenance of this area helps keep snow/

ice balls from forming in the pads, and salt accumulation down (salt is hard on a dog's digestive system). Regular foot dips are also a good way to keep the salt off your dog.

Regular grooming is warmer: A clean, well maintained coat does more for a dog's insulation than a dirty, matted coat – so if you see those tufts of hair just clinging on, book an appointment and have those removed so the new fuzz underneath can do its job!

Look and ask for moisturizing shampoos and conditioners – dogs and cats can generate just as much static as we do.

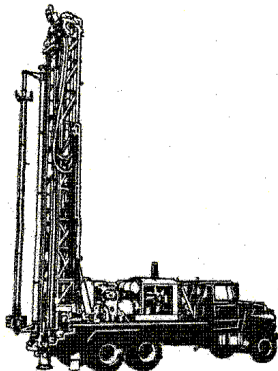
Holiday Tips

- New puppy – keep in mind how much time you're going to have to devote to a new puppy and consider if these cold months are the right time!
- Holly, mistletoe and poinsettia are poisons – be sure to keep them out of your dog's reach.
- Tinsel and ribbon are dangerous once ingested – they can create obstructions in the intestinal tract.
- Alcohol and chocolate are toxic to dogs – be sure to keep them out of reach as well.
- Be careful of the height of edible ornaments (dough, cranberries, rose hips, oranges, popcorn, etc.).

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A Good King Wenceslas Christmas

By Pauline Raven, Councillor, Kings County, District 3

Trees, porches and eaves across Kings County are shining brightly. The Christmas season is upon us reminding us of all our favourite things. The tale of Good King Wenceslas has been a favourite of mine since I was a small child in Ireland. I like the message that we should all pay attention to how others live, even if we are as grand as kings; and that if we can help we should, out of the goodness of our hearts and nothing more.

I see this happening all year round in Centreville. Time and again I see Centreville and District folks go out of their way to help others. It is really astounding how many volunteers give so generously of their time and resources. They ensure community halls and parks are available as gathering spaces. Big Breakfasts, Centreville Days, and a new gymnasium at the Centreville Baptist Church are all accomplishments to thank volunteers for.

What if you could have a say on how tax dollars get spent?

Like Christmas, the budget season is fast approaching. Between now and April 2014 Kings County councillors will have over 40 million dollars worth of decisions to make. How does this work? How should this work?

This year, Kings County staff is offering focus group sessions at local community halls to talk about your

municipal tax system. This is an opportunity for you to share your perspective about what is working and what should change. This could also be the start of greater things to come.


Do you know that municipalities across Canada are steadily embracing different ways to set budget priorities? Most start by increasing citizen engagement or consultation during budget deliberations. Then they move toward some form of participatory budgeting.

One example, close to home, is the Halifax Regional Municipality. Under the slogan: "Real money. Real Projects. Real Decisions," residents in one district have just chosen how to spend their allotted capital budget of \$92,000. Projects were proposed by residents who also voted on which were to be funded.

Do you think a similar initiative could work here in Kings County?

For now, I'll close by wishing each of you a "Good King Wenceslas Christmas." I hope this season brings peace and joy to each of our homes.

As always, please do be in touch if there is anything you wish to share or discuss. I can be reached at 670-2949.



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Sail along the peaceful waterways that will become your pathway for the journey of a lifetime. Your river cruise with such companies as Uniworld, Viking River Cruises, or AmaWaterways, to name a few, offers easygoing comfort and convenient access to the sights of Europe and Russia – from charming squares to magnificent cathedrals, to bustling marketplaces. Dock in the heart of great capitals and fairytale villages that are unreachable by ocean ships. There's no waiting in long lines to get on or off the ships, and there is no need to tender into ports.

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Park Association News

by Darrell Spurr

Soccer and baseball seasons are over, but our park continues to bustle with activities for all ages.

Our Area Rate has provided us with necessary funding to pursue several cost-sharing grants. This enabled us to hire a summer student, shingle and replace siding on our building, provide transportation funding for Acadia students to work on a park plan, and install a swing set.

The swing set was purchased from a local supplier and installed by our volunteers, and is being used by park visitors of all ages.



Students from Acadia's School of Recreation Management have completed a plan for the park, which will be presented to the park directors in early December.

Recently, a group of NKEC students assisted with trail maintenance. We hope to have them back in the spring.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on November 18, 2013. New directors Helen MacDonald, Troy Harris, Mike Foote, Billy Rhynard and George Graves (Vice-President) were appointed. Helen hopes to co-ordinate some winter activities for the park.

Projects for 2014 include upgrading the playgrounds and playing fields, resurfacing walking trails, and refurbishing the existing picnic area.

We are in the process of setting up a Facebook site. All events will be posted on Facebook and the Centreville website.

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month. Our next regular meeting will be January 22, 2014 at 7:30 p.m., Centreville Hall. The Area Rate Meeting will be held in February (date to be announced later). Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting, and wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Atom 'A' Acadia Hockey Team

by Kyla Harris

The Atom 'A' Acadia hockey team would like to express their gratitude to the community of Centreville for their generosity during their fall bottle drive. We raised enough to help pay for a tournament this winter. Thanks so much for the support!

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The first Centreville swinger,
Elliotte and her mother

Centreville "50" Plus

by Darrell Spurr

The Centreville Community Hall is the place to be on Wednesday afternoons. This is when the Centreville "50" Plus group meets. We play card and board games and celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions. Centreville and area seniors are encouraged to join us. Recently, we welcomed six new members.

On Friday, November 29, several of our members attended a Driver Refresher Course for older adults in New Minas. This proved to be both interesting and informative.

We held our Christmas Social on December 11, which was attended by more than sixty members and guests. Carolling preceded a delicious dinner prepared by our Social Committee, which was served by the men and enjoyed by all. Gifts were handed out to all in attendance. We collected food items and monetary donations for the Food Bank.

Money was collected throughout the year and donated to Christmas Daddies.

Our last meeting for 2013 was held on December 11, 2013, and we will resume on January 8, 2014.

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

"A study of economics usually reveals that the best time to buy anything is last year."

- Marty Allen



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Good Neighbour Club News

by Susan Wood



The Good Neighbour Club will have their Christmas Party and closing for the year on December 5.

We invite new and past members who have an interest in the GNC to come and see what we are all about on January 16, 2014, when we start back up for the year.

The book sale we had was a great success; look for another one to take place in February. Keep an eye on the sign in front of the hall for an exact book sale date.

There is no breakfast in December; we will start back up on January 18, 2014. The GNC wishes all a happy holiday and to thank the community for the help we receive with our breakfasts.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR CLUB'S BIG BREAKFAST is held at the Centreville Hall on the third Saturday of the month, 7:00-10:30 a.m., 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 January 18, 2014

Who earns a living driving their customers away?

A taxi driver

Update from the Charles Macdonald Concrete House



We have had another successful summer at the Concrete House with many new and returning visitors. We would like to say thank you to our summer student, Mallory Graves, who was with us for a second summer. She did an excellent job of promoting our events and exhibits and guiding visitors through the museum.



It's a Wrap!

Summer is over at the Charles Macdonald Concrete House and it's time to protect the herd from old Mr. West Wind. (L-R) Kevin West, Elisha Harper, Gordia Macdonald, Zoe and grandmother Ruth Legge.

We are a part of NovaMuse, which is a website that allows museums to showcase their collections online. The website allows people to learn about Nova Scotia's history through different Nova Scotia museum collections. This is a work in progress and we hope to eventually have all of Charlie's work online. You can find our collection at: http://www.novamuse.ca/index.php/Detail/Entity/Show/entity_id/6323

We continued with our Crafty Wednesday, which was held every Wednesday in July and August from 1pm-4pm. There was an average of 10-15 children who came to each Crafty Wednesday, compared to 5-10 last summer. This year we had a total of 9 craft days with

different themes for each one. Some examples of the crafts were making jewellery, sculpting animals out of clay, painting pictures, gluing and colouring.

We had a postcard exhibit at the Museum this summer with postcards from Charlie and Mabel's collection. There were different interactive exhibits for visitors to experience, such as sending a postcard from the Museum, designing your own postcard and stamp, a station to practice cursive writing, and a survey on how people communicate in this day and age.

This summer we worked on increasing our Facebook presence. Our summer student, Mallory, made posts on our page throughout the summer about the different exhibits that were happening as well as any events that were taking place. This seemed to create a lot of interest in the Museum. Find us on Facebook at Charles Macdonald Concrete House Museum.



Winter Solice

Finally a little privacy and protection from winter for our "Lady Washing Hair" at the Charles Macdonald Concrete House.

Centreville Baptist Church News Update

by Marc Potvin

On December 1, 2013, the gymnasium and youth room of the Centreville Baptist Church were dedicated to God's glory and presented to the congregation and the community. The whole project began in 2006, when the church made the decision to add to its facilities. Although it was known at the time that it would not be possible to fully complete the gymnasium and youth room, the congregation made the decision to build the structure that would house them.




Centreville Baptist Church Gymnasium

Last fall, the Board of the church agreed to explore the feasibility of finishing the project. Once a cost was determined, it became clear that we were in a position to move ahead. The Evening Workers Auxiliary of the church had made two substantial donations to the building fund, helping us to see that we already had about 25% of the money we needed. The church embarked on a quick fundraising campaign. Members of the congregation and the community made generous contributions, as did the Centreville Good Neighbour Club. In addition, the grants we received from the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness and the Louis Millett Foundation meant that we had all the funds necessary to complete the project and be debt free.

The physical work began in the winter of 2013 with the participation of the NSCC Kingstec Campus' Carpentry Class. Students and instructors helped frame many of the walls and lay the floor of the youth room. Apart from the gymnasium flooring, plumbing, entry and youth room tiling, the work was done by volunteers. Members of the congregation and the community generously donated hundreds of hours of their time, and sweat, during the summer months. The gymnasium became operational in early October and the youth room later that month.

The equipment for the gymnasium and youth room have all been purchased and received, although some still requires installation. This will be completed in the near future.

The gymnasium is available for rental by anyone. As of the time of writing, pickup floor hockey is open to anyone on Tuesday evening, starting at 7:00 pm. When the basketball nets and the volleyball/badminton poles are installed, we anticipate other evenings of the week will be devoted to these sports. Should you be interested in renting the facility, please call the church at 678-1946.



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Centreville Baptist Church Youth Room

In Our Community

**To book the Centreville Community Hall,
please contact Minnie Sheffield at
678-6391**

Centreville '50-Plus'

The '50 Plus' Group meets every Wednesday from 1:30 to 4:00 pm at the Centreville Community Hall. Our area seniors enjoy board and card games, and birthdays are celebrated on the third Wednesday of each month.

New members and guests are always welcome, so drop in and enjoy your friends and neighbours.

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 - Mondays 6:00 - 7:00 pm

TOPS meets at the Centreville Baptist Church, Murray Drive.

Weigh-in from 6:00 to 6:30 pm with a short meeting to follow.

We are open to new members at the cost of \$32.00 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.

Centreville Baptist Church Murray Drive, Centreville:

Sunday worship service - **10:30 am**

Children's Programme, grades 1 to 5, on
Mondays 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm

Christmas Eve Services: Family Service 6:30 pm.
Candlelight Service 9:00 pm. All welcomed.

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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.

Centreville District Community Development Association (CDCDA)

Board of Directors' Meetings

Where: Centreville Hall

When: Fourth Thursday of the month

Time: 7:00 pm

*Exceptions: June, July, August and December
by notification*

All meetings are open to the public — come out
and

support your community's development!

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

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, August and December). All Centreville women are welcome to attend and join the Club.

Orchard Valley Pastoral Charge of the United Church of Canada

Worship Service and Sunday School at 9:00 am
and 11:00 am

10:00 am coffee, cookies and conversation.

We are temporarily at the New Minas site,
130 Cornwallis Avenue.

Kentville site office: 678-4955

New Minas site messages: 681-0366

Upper Canard site messages: 582-7908

Wolfville site office: 542-3796

On the web ...

Pictures of Centreville District and Surrounding Area

Did you know that the Centreville website has an e-mail address where you can send pictures? If you have pictures you want to share with others, you can send them to :

centrevillepictures@centreville-kings-county.com

Pictures of interest could be historical, nature, business, or people - anything that you think others would be interested in seeing. Pictures received will be posted on the Centreville website:

www.centreville-kings-county.com



Centreville 'Events' Website

Do you have an up-coming event? Do you want it seen on the Centreville Website, www.centreville-kings-county.com? If so, send the information to:

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Annapolis Valley Events Calendar : Postings for music, film, theatrical, educational, and just plain entertaining events throughout the Valley, from Windsor to Annapolis Royal. <http://valleyevents.ca/>

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Acadia Lifelong Learning Centre (ALL)

The Acadia Lifelong Learning Centre (ALL) provides courses, seminars, outings and special events for those aged 50 and over, in literature, science, fine arts, writing, and more.

ALL membership benefits include free Acadia credit course audits; access to the Vaughan Memorial Library; free ALL seminars, lectures, and readings; reduced ALL course fees; special events and outings, and e-mail notices of ALL and community events. The annual membership fee is \$25.00.

To view courses offered through ALL, Acadia University calendars will be available at the Centreville Post Office or from our website: all.acadiau.ca

For more information or to register, call 585-1434 or 1-800-565-6568, or e-mail all@acadiau.ca

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.