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FREDDY & NORMAN'S CAFÉ

by Gail Salmon

A new café has opened at 1867 Highway 359, beside Brown's Convenience Store. Freddy & Norman's Café is owned by AJ Reid and his partner, Joanne Barnette. They also own Walker's Restaurant and Magic Pizza in Windsor but are excited to start their new business in Centreville. Freddy and Norman are the names of their two hairless dogs. I met AJ and Joanne at the café shortly after it opened. They were still in the planning stages of placing tables, organizing seating, menus and their future plans.

AJ's new place has bread ovens so fresh tasty breads and pastries can be made onsite. AJ wants a storefront Café so customers could pick out their favourite goodies, entrees, and snacks, have a coffee or tea and relax or chat with friends. They have delicious coffee. There is a handwritten menu posted on the wall, and you can pick up a copy of their menu with five or six dinner options on Wednesdays. All dinners are also available fresh or as take out. The breakfast menu intrigues me with Breakfast Paninis, Croissants and Eggs Benedict.

Margie works at the café but has been employed by AJ for two years.



She manages Magic Pizza, and now she will also work at the Centreville café. The café is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays as Margie will be baking bread and pastries. The café is open

Wednesdays to Sundays, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A.J. trained at Niagara Falls Culinary College, but found it was more profitable to go west and work for Alberta Carpentry Scaffolding in Fort McMurray. He and Joanne moved to Nova Scotia and, when Walker's Restaurant was up for sale in 2022, they bought it and enjoyed making some personal changes to the menu which received positive feedback from the customers.

When the weather warms, they plan to have tables outside to have a pet-friendly patio, welcoming their customers and their dogs to enjoy the fresh air. They have a cookie jar full of homemade doggy treats for their four-legged customers. You can go to Freddy & Norman's Café Facebook page to look at the online menu and take a peek at the wonderful looking sandwiches, breakfasts, pastries, and other mouth-watering meals.

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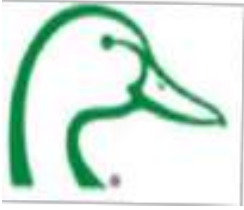
Without their support we would not be able to print the paper. We print 500 copies each quarter and they are distributed at various locations throughout the area. But I have heard that some papers are mailed to previous Centreville residents who left the area. We are pleased to say that our readers seem to consume all 500 copies each quarter.

We also have the paper online and believe that many more read the coloured version. When the paper closed, many people were disappointed and asked me if it would start up again. In order to make that happen we had to secure advertising, so we approached all the businesses who had previously placed ads and almost all of them, and a few new ones, confirmed their support. We thank each and every one of you!

Gail Salmon

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Update from the Marsh

by Gren Jones

*NS Senior Provincial
Director, Ducks Unlimited*

Dear Readers,

As I write this article for the Centre Post, I'm thinking about spring. This winter has been a rather mixed bag of weather, including slippery roads and potholes.... Over time, Canada Geese would either migrate to the Eastern US or head to the South Shore where there are three migratory bird sanctuaries in Pt-Joli, Queens Co., Pt-l'Hébert in Queens/Shelburne Counties and the third one is located in Sable River. Along with these, there is also the Keji National Park's Seaside Adjunct. (You can see it on your Health Card.) Geese actually spent time in the Minas Basin and the numerous corn and grain fields in the Valley. As the weather changed, the birds would migrate to change their food sources. On the Atlantic Coast, there used to be a good source of food known as eel grass. Unfortunately, the green crabs have destroyed much of this healthy food for migratory birds.

However, I firmly believe that more and more geese have either been raised here or further north, arriving in the fall. On a particularly sunny and slightly warm morning, my companion Sal, photographer Jacques Giard and I walked the trail in Miner's Marsh. When we came to where the Acadian Dykelands interpretive sign is overlooking the river, Sal and I walked out on the platform and, to our surprise, there were about 30 geese in the river close by. He didn't bark or decide to jump into the icy waters while the birds stayed and watched us. It was one of those beautiful moments. I am convinced that the geese we see flying around the river and, later in the day, heading out to the Minas Basin for the night, were born in Miner's Marsh or other local wetlands.

Along with the geese, there are a variety of ducks that also frequent open water. In fact, on Hwy. 221, there is a farm that has a brook that flows under the highway and often, as I travel to Berwick, I take a quick glance to see if the ducks are in the brook. On one recent occasion, the birds were there, and more were planning to land. These ducks were mallards.

Growing up in Liverpool, I was unaccustomed to seeing mallards in the Mersey River. They are beautiful birds and are considered the #1 duck in North America. Their population is very healthy, and they have decided that Liverpool is a nice spot to spend the winter! Recently, I happened to be in Fort Point where I lived during my childhood. We have friends there and their neighbour feeds the ducks every day. I must point out that it's not a good idea for numerous reasons...mainly the fact that she has at least 50 -100 ducks hanging out in the park or along the banks of the river and in her yard! The birds have become very tame and it's a shame to feed wildlife unless there are circumstances such as extreme cold.



"Golden Eye Whistler" carved by
Vernon "Duckv" Schnare

There is a fair amount of research going on about mallards. Each flyway across the continent has significant differences. For example, in the Atlantic Region, mallards tend to mate with other species such as the American Black Duck which has made some changes in their lineage.

Miner's Marsh is a great place to watch waterfowl in general. In April, the swallows will arrive, and we will have new boxes to offer these beautiful birds a special refuge. There will be twenty nesting boxes built by members of the Kings County Wildlife Association.

In closing, here are 2 dates:

- A) On Saturday, April 26th at Wheelock Dining Hall, the Valley DUC Chapter will be hosting the annual fundraising dinner. (since 1984!)
- B) On Saturday, June 6th the Rotary Club, Town of Kentville & Ducks Unlimited Canada will be hosting events taking place in 3 different areas, including Miner's Marsh, & Oakdene Park.

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Here's the scorecard for the accomplishments in Canada since 1938:

1. 6.2 million acres restored
2. 228.1 million acres influenced
3. 12, 329 projects across Canada
4. In Atlantic, 2,000 projects over 120,000 acres. There are 100 projects in the Annapolis Valley. Somerset Elementary is the only elementary school to have the designation of "Wetland Centre of Excellence" with Hutt's Marsh & an outdoor classroom on site as well as a dipping platform.
5. The largest wetland in NS is the Missaquash on the NS-NB border between Amherst & Aulac. At 6,200 acres, this project will play a major role in managing sea level rise.

If you are interested in making a donation to help with the ongoing work, or to become a volunteer, here's my email: gc_jones@yahoo.ca

NOTE: DUC is a charitable organization and is well placed with Charities Intelligence. It is also the largest wetland Conservation Organization in Canada.



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A Brief History of Centreville Park, Percy A. Lydiard Park

by Lee Porter

This park was donated to the people of Centreville by Mr. Lydiard who lived on the land now used for the Davidson Apartments, or the Skinner Property.

Word has it that he had a beautiful home and his barn was just as grand, housing his prized racehorses. It was so big, clean and bright, that it would put most houses to shame.

Mr. Lydiard was a lover of fine racehorses. He raced and won many with his beautiful horses and sulky.

Mr. Lydiard left the park land to the people of Centreville to be used for a park. He was clever enough to include in the deed that the land was not to be clear cut or used for development or farming. Some of the pine trees in the park are probably 100 years old and just as tall.

Mr. Lydiard and Charles Macdonald were very good friends, so they had benches, tables and ornaments throughout the trees. But some people, with nothing better to do, smashed them all up. Charles Macdonald decided they should not be replaced.

In 1967-68, a committee was formed called the *Centreville Park & Recreation Association*. This allowed the Association to obtain a grant from the government which, in turn, allowed them to clean up the park. Some estimate over 100 cord of wood was cleaned up.

Now, in 2025, the park has new benches, tables and picnic shelters. There are plenty of walking trails, playgrounds with slides and swings, four ball fields and future plans for more.

George Graves was president of the Association for eight to ten years. This year, Bruce Wood is the president.

The park was donated to the people of Centreville, but we are very kind and generous, allowing many others to use it. We just ask that they be careful and respectful.

This brief history was put together with the help and good memories of Pauline Harris and Buster Best.

MAKING CENTREVILLE A SAFE PLACE FOR THE COMMUNITY

By Gail Salmon

The Centreville and District Community Development Association (CDCDA) held an open meeting at the Centreville Hall on Thursday, February 28th so Centreville residents could state their concerns of safety in our community. For those new to the area, the CDCDA serves as a strong, single voice to represent the people of Centreville with respect to development and growth. It was founded in 1998. Its mission, "is to provide a structure and forum to facilitate community development that includes all activities, both acceptable and sustainable, that promote the rich rural and seacoast environment and social well-being of the Community of Centreville." You can contact the CDCDA at cdcda2022@gmail.com



Aaron Dondale is President of the CDCDA and he welcomed the guest speakers and the fifty-plus people that came to the meeting. Aaron is from the valley, worked overseas and the U.S. for 18 years and lives in Centreville and is "raising his children in a safe community."

Aaron introduced the guest speakers; Kings County Mayor Dave Corkum, Councillor of District 1, Everett MacPherson, R.C.M.P. Staff Sargeant Ed Nugent, Corporal Stephen Currie, and Terry Brown, Manager of inspection and Enforcement. Brown's main responsibilities include funding and resourcing protective services such as police and fire. He works closely with the RCMP to assure that they have the funding and resources they need to service the communities in Kings County.

Sargeant Nugent started the "fireside" meeting by stating this was an informal discussion to see where our concerns were and how things could be improved. He said that Corporal Currie was the "boots on the ground",

and the floor was opened for questions and concerns.

The first concern was the traffic on Hwy. 359 and Sherman Belcher, two very busy roads where people have routinely violated the speed limit. Many residents had the same concern stating they could not let their children play in the front of the house. There was a discussion about posting speed radar signs, like the ones in Port Williams, or having three-way Stop signs at some intersections. Brown said that he would be in touch with Nova Scotia Public Works and let them know there is a need and desire for Solar Speed Radar signs. There are two School Safety Police to prevent speeding and passing stopped buses, with the RCMP stating "We are out in your community even if you do not see us."

There was some concern about property theft and damage. Corporal Currie said that we don't know our neighbours the way we used to and the best way to secure your property was to get to know your neighbours, share information with trusted neighbours and let them know when you are going away, participate in local activities and meet more neighbours, join community groups, and as a neighbour, if you see something unusual, call the police. "Trust your gut".

Brown's Convenience Store was broken into once in 2024 and again this year. The manager had concerns and questions about how to resolve this situation. There were cameras in the store, the alarm went off, but the perpetrators wore masks and knew the police were fifteen minutes away. The RCMP said that cameras help.

The police said that ATV's and side-by-sides go missing as well as electric tools. Keep them in your closed building.

In closing, the police said that Centreville is a safe community and by having the CDCDA meeting with its residents is a step in the right direction.



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Blueberry Sour Cream Flan

Margie Brown, My Country Magic



Graham Crumb Crust

1 ¼ cups graham cracker crumbs
¼ cup melted butter
2 tbsp sugar

Flan layer

3 8oz tubs (3 cups) full fat sour cream (Must use full fat sour cream or the filling will not set; 18% milk fat sour cream is sometimes sold as “restaurant style” or “extra thick”.)
1 cup sugar
3 large eggs
3 tsp vanilla extract

Blueberry Compote

2 cups Blueberry Acres blueberries; fresh or frozen (Frozen blueberries available for purchase at Nova Agri main office (Blueberry Acres location))
½ cup sugar
1 tsp finely grated lemon zest (optional)
½ tsp cinnamon (optional)
1 rounded tbsp corn starch
¼ cup tepid water

Base:

Grease bottom of a 9 in springform pan, or better, line with parchment paper.
Mix together: graham crumbs, melted butter and sugar until well combined.
Press into the bottom of the pan.

Custard:

Whisk together sour cream, sugar, eggs and vanilla until the sugar is dissolved.
Pour onto prepared crust and bake at 300 degrees F for about an hour. (May need up to 10 minutes more, depending on your oven; custard will be quite jiggly at the center when done, and MAY BE just beginning to brown slightly at the edges.)
Allow the flan to cool to room temperature, then refrigerate for a couple of hours before topping with compote.

Compote:

Bring berries and sugar to a very gentle boil; plus, lemon zest and cinnamon if using.
Mix corn starch with the water and add slowly to the boiling berry mixture, stirring constantly.
Cool compote, then pour over the cooled flan.
Refrigerate for 2 – 3 hours before serving.

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Greetings from Canard Community Church *by Leta Ells*

Welcome from Canard Community Church. As I write this in the first week of February, we are very much in winter with lots of snow and cold nor'westerly winds. The days are noticeably longer, which is nice. When you read this, it will probably be in March and the days will be that much longer and Spring that much closer.

January and February have been quiet at the church with some fellowship luncheons, a Hawaiian Games Night and regular weekly services. Things will change as we come into March. The first Friday in March has been a Woman's World Day of Prayer for many years. The women from 170 countries join in a prayer program that has been written by the women of one of the countries. This year it is prepared by the women of Cook Islands. If you are like me, you ask "where is Cook Island?" They are in the South Pacific Ocean northwest of New Zealand.

Your Baptist Church in Centreville held a World Day of Prayer service on March 7, 2025, at 10:00 am. You will notice that I have dropped the word "women" because, in our country, everyone is welcome to attend.

Earlier during that week, we started the season of Lent

with Shrove Tuesday on March 4. The Canning and Area Interchurch Council, of which the Churches in the area belong sponsor a Soup Luncheon each Friday during Lent to help raise money for their emergency fund. It is a time when people from the different churches get together and share a time of fellowship and good food. The first luncheon is in Centreville on March 7, at Pereaux Baptist Church on March 14, Emmanuel United in Kingsport on March 21, St. John's Anglican on Church St. on March 28, First Cornwallis Baptist in Canard on April 4 and Canard Community Church on April 11. There is always a good variety of soups or chowders and everyone is welcome. Soup is served from 11:30-1:00. Freewill offering.

We begin Easter Sunday with the folks from our neighbour church, the First Cornwallis Baptist Church, with a Sunrise Service at Porter's Point at 7:00 am. This year the Baptist church will plan a brief service, and we will return to our Community Church for breakfast. Where is Porter's Point? Go east on Hwy 341 until you come to the water. Again, everyone is welcome.

May will be busy planting flowers, preparing for summer and I will let you know what we do for the summer in the June edition of the Centre Post.

For more information our website is canardcommunitychurch.com. My e-mail is glenells@hotmail.com or call me at 902-582-7298. You will find us at 1315, Hwy.341, Canard St.

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MUNICIPAL CORNER

by **Everett MacPherson**
Councillor, District #1

I have had the pleasure of attending several meetings in the Centreville area and have spoken with many proud and motivated citizens of Centreville. Your community is fortunate to have a number of dedicated volunteers interested in supporting a vibrant, active, and safe community. In particular, I have been highly impressed by the Parks Committee and the Community Development Association. Both of these groups are visionary and work hard to promote and support the wonderful community of Centreville.

We are certainly living in interesting times. Whether by the time you read this we are living with tariffs or under the threat of tariffs, the message is clear that we need to diversify our trade and become more self-reliant. We cannot allow ourselves to be solely reliant on our neighbour to the south. A good beginning is by shopping local.

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February is always a nice month. We celebrated Heritage Day, St. Valentine's Day, and African Heritage month. Gibson Woods was founded by George Gibson, a Black Loyalist in 1804. Each and every day we are enriched by the knowledge, creativity, and friendship of our tremendous neighbours and friends in Gibson Woods.

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Meet Alex Nemet, the Face Behind Centreville's Fundy Banjos

by Kaslo Hamilton



"Each banjo is a product of my obsession for continual improvement. I specialize in customization, tailoring instruments to unique aesthetic and sonic specifications. In the quiet morning hours, you'll find me in the workshop, with a cup of coffee and my cat, fueled

by a desire to make each banjo play and sound better than the last." - Alex Nemet

Drawn to the quiet and beauty of the Annapolis Valley, Alex Nemet moved to Centreville four and a half years ago, bringing his custom banjo making business with him. Alex, who grew up in the Valley, spent some time living outside of the province before making his return, initially landing in Halifax. After spending several years living there, Alex says he "was drawn back to the Annapolis Valley and found a nice place to settle down" in Centreville, which is now home to his dedicated workshop.

Alex began making banjos about 7 years ago and says he is mostly self-taught, adding that he uses "that term loosely, as [he's] had a lot of help over the years from different mentors." In the beginning of his career, Alex says he scoured the internet for any resources he could find that were related to banjo-making. "I did a lot of research online, on forums, and watching videos." Since he first started this journey, Alex says he has met banjo builders from around North America and Europe, some of whom he speaks with regularly, sharing building ideas and learning from each other. "I've learned a lot from so many woodworkers and banjo builders."

With Alex spending between 60-100 hours working on each banjo, all of his works are beautifully crafted and designed. "I strive to make a beautiful one-of-a-kind banjo with top quality materials that have a traditional aesthetic," Alex explained. "Making a banjo that is appealing to the eye is really important to me, but

equally as important is the sound and tonal aspects of it. So, I have to keep function and tone in mind, as well as aesthetics when creating a new banjo. I have to make decisions based on the scale, length, and size of the banjo pot," which is the round part of the banjo that resembles a drum," and then I go from there, deciding how it's going to look."

Alex's love of banjos doesn't end with making them; Alex and guitarist Anna Dowson have formed a new Old-Time music duo named the "Steam Mill Band." The duo were the opening act for a January performance at the Ross Creek Annex and share their upcoming schedule on Instagram

@TheSteamMillBand. On top of this, Alex has also begun playing banjo in the "Rabbit Square Dance Band", who put on community square dances in the area. The most recent square dance took place on March 8th at Gaspereau Hall. The next one will take place in Bear River at the Oakdene Center on April 5th. Tickets for the square dances can be found on <https://MusicInCommunities.com>.



Another thing that piques Alex's interest is the story of an older gentleman who used to build violins in Centreville. "If anyone knows who he was or if he's still around, please get in contact with me and let me know, I'd love to chat with him. It seems as though there have been a few luthiers in the area, there used to be a man building cigar box banjos in Centreville as well."

More of Alex's work can be found on his website: www.FundyBanjos.com or Instagram @FundyBanjos.

Anyone interested in getting in touch with Alex to discuss getting a banjo, restorations, or learning how to play can email him at FundyBanjos@gmail.com.

THE NORTHVILLE FARM HERITAGE CENTRE

by Jennie Sawlor

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting 2025 Event Season at the Northville Farm Heritage Centre! This year is extra special for us as it is our 25th Anniversary – to many, I'm sure it feels like just yesterday that a group of like-minded community members and volunteers sat in the empty parking lot at what is now a bustling and busy place every Wednesday and during our many great events during the spring, summer, and fall.



In no particular order: Pauline Sawler, Judy Sawler, Jason Sawler, Linden Brown, Margaret Bentley, Mike Parker, Ralph Houghton, Esther Houghton, Katie Sawler, Darlene Ansems, Celia Best, Keith Bentley, Lawson Sawler, John McCulley, Albert Sweet. If we're missing someone, please let us know.

This is what we have to look forward to (dates may change, so be sure to stay informed on our FB page and Valley Events)

Planting Day: Saturday May 17, rain date Sunday May 18, 2025

Antique Tractor Pull: June 1, rain date June 8, 2025

Horse Pull: July 5, rain date July 6, 2025

Harvest Day and Ox Pull: September 1, 2025

Fall Tractor Pull: October 5, 2025

We have also installed a Memorial Bench next to the scale near our pull rings on the Heritage Centre grounds. This memorial bench serves as a place of reflection and remembrance, where individuals can honour loved ones who have left a lasting impact on our heritage centre. By placing a personalized plaque, families and friends celebrate their contributions, ensuring their legacy remains a part of our shared history. It stands as a tribute to those who helped shape our community, offering a space for visitors to pause and remember. If you would like to have a plaque placed, please email Jennie at jrweisner@gmail.com or call (902) 690-5096.

We are always accepting new members at the Northville Farm Heritage Centre – membership is only \$15/year and we meet on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30pm in Heritage Hall at 1158 Steadman Road, Billtown - meeting attendance isn't mandatory, just encouraged because we love membership involvement

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Centreville District Park and Recreation Association (CDPRA)

Submitted by Joy Acker, Secretary

Although winter is slow for us at the park, there is still lots going on. It is very busy with people walking the trails and walking their dogs. Tony Martin is still holding his weekly runs/walks on Tuesdays from 3-5 so come out and join him.

Snowshoes are available to lend out – just message us on Facebook and we'll hook you up.

A very successful Catch Centreville Charlie was held on Groundhog Day in February with lots of residents taking part.

The Park was also successful in obtaining a New Horizon Grant for Seniors in the amount of \$25,000 to construct a walking track around the #4 Ball field. It will connect to the Saxon Street entrance and will be ideal for seniors with walkers, canes, wheelchairs and scooters as it will be flat and in an open area. Benches will be situated around the outside for resting and socializing with neighbours. Construction will begin this summer.

The Area Rate of \$28 was approved at a public meeting on February 18th for the 2025 year.

Want to volunteer? Reach out to us on Facebook or at centrevilleparkrecreation@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you!



Centreville 50-Plus Club

**"Friends Enjoying Friends"
by Darrell E. Spurr, President**

Centreville '50' Plus meets Wednesdays from 1:30-4:00 at the Community Hall.

Members and guests enjoy bridge, cribbage, 45's, skip-bo, aggravation and many other games.

Mid-afternoon we take a break for coffee, tea, chit chat and sometimes treats. We celebrate monthly birthdays with cake and pictures of those celebrating that month.

Due to unforeseen circumstances our annual Christmas dinner for members and guests was re-scheduled to January 15, 2025. Take outs were delivered to those unable to attend.

New members are always welcomed. Drop in any Wednesday to check us out.

Members pay a one-time registration fee of \$10.00. We pay rent, and other expenses with a weekly free offering and a 50/50 draw.

Hope to see you Wednesday.



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It's Time To Dance!

Local resident and artist, Marcia Savident Hinks, welcomes you to join her and a few fun-loving women on Monday nights at the Community Hall to try your hand at this ancient Egyptian discipline.

You don't need any experience as the classes are geared to beginners and intermediates. Marcia considers herself a hobby dancer who enjoys sharing her experience with those who want to have some fun, benefit from some light exercise and socialize. And to ensure a safe place, spectators are not allowed.

The cost is \$30 for 10 classes. All proceeds go towards supporting the Community Hall. We meet on Monday nights. The class lasts approx. 1 hour and anyone who wants to stay behind and socialize is more than welcome.

So pack your sense of humour and, if you have one, a jingly belt. If you don't, Marcia has many and is happy to share.

You can contact Marcia directly through Facebook – Centreville Bellydance.



Good Neighbour Club

The Good Neighbour Club (GNC) meets at the Centreville Community Hall on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 pm.

The next Big Breakfast will be held on March 15, 2025. April's Big Breakfast will be held on April 12, 2025.

If interested in joining the Club or volunteering, please call Ann, 902-698-3747 or Heather, 902-582-1399.



Centreville Baptist Church

Please check the Calendar of Events at <https://www.cbckc.ca/calender>

Pins and Needles



The Pins and Needles group has met for nearly 20 years in the Centreville Community Centre on Thursday mornings where they spread out their tools and colourful fabrics, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and talk quilts with other like-minded sewists.

But the group is not restricted to quilters. You are only limited by your imagination if you have a portable hobby. Some neighbours bring along crafts like vinyl cutting, beading, needlework or knitting. In the past we've also had rug hookers. The rooms are often abuzz with conversation and machines. Bring along your lunch and enjoy the day for less than the cost of a fancy coffee!

From this creative group, a secondary group has formed, meeting monthly to sew quilts for comfort and charity. In the past we have created warmth and comfort for fire and accident victims, quilts for families in crisis, neighbours with terminal illness, almost anywhere you can imagine comfort is needed. The group relies on donated fabric and some fund raising for finishing materials such as batting and professional quilting.

If you can offer help in any of these areas, Comfort Quilts meets on the first Tuesday each month at the Centreville Community Centre.

PLAY PICKLEBALL!!

For more information, please contact Pat at (902) 599-0215 or email at centrevillepickleball@gmail.com

PLAN AHEAD FOR SUMMER AT PINEO'S PET SPA

With summer just around the corner, we want to remind you to book your pets grooming and boarding stays early! Warmer weather means more adventures, vacations, and of course, pups needing a fresh summer groom and our spots fill up FAST!

Why should you book ahead?

- **Limited Availability:** Boarding & grooming appointments are in high demand during summer. Secure your spot now!
- **Stress-Free Planning:** Have peace of mind knowing your pup is booked and ready for their summer stays.
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We're thrilled to introduce: The Pet Spaw Scent Den!

The Pet Spaw Scent Den, an enrichment activity is designed to engage your pup's most powerful sense - their nose! You can now add a Scent Den session to any daycare or boarding stay for a fun, stimulating experience.

Scent Den Highlights:

- Sniff & search for hidden treats & toys
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- Scented obstacle courses for confidence-building
- Relaxation zone with calming scents

Limited-time offer: First session only \$5! Call 902-697-3647 to add it to your pups stay!

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The Original AI

by David Ward

Readers of a certain age will remember our elementary school days and the Hilroy scribblers with the addition, subtraction, multiplication and division tables on the back cover. By the time we hit our middle grades we were familiar with simple math - maybe due to rote memory. Then when Teacher's Colleges became Faculties of Education, rote memory of learning math changed to a thinking process called New Math. Neither of these two learning methods apparently were known to a cashier at a store I shopped at recently. I leaned over the counter to take pressure off my sore back and the young clerk asked if I was all right. When I replied it was just old age, he asked how old I was and I asked him to guess, and he replied that if he were a betting man (at this point he would have lost the bet) he said 67. When I asked him to add 21 to that, he looked at me with a sad face and said "I'm not good at arithmetic".

Driving home, I came to think that he did not have to be good at arithmetic, because a 'machine' with all the scans and the Visa Card machine did the thinking for him - and that seemed to me to be an example of today's AI or Artificial Intelligence.

At this point I have to confess that, while I may have an idea, I really don't fully understand this concept. However, I do know of an example. A visitors guide to Ottawa written by AI suggested that visitors should not miss a visit to the Ottawa Food Bank.

Now - the original AI - Artificial Insemination, I do understand completely. My university studies, two years at the former Nova Scotia Agriculture College (now the Faculty of Agriculture of Dalhousie University) and two more years at Macdonald College, the Faculty of Agriculture at McGill University led to a degree Bachelor of Science (Agriculture). Early on in my studies, an Animal Husbandry Professor required me to write a paper on Artificial Insemination. And so, the lofty title of my effort was "The Collection, Processing and Care of Semen For Artificial Insemination" There you have it, the original meaning of the two letters 'AI'.

I'd do a terrible job of trying to explain to anyone about today's Artificial Intelligence but I'd be a whiz at explaining the ins and outs of the original meaning of AI, as long as you were not eating lunch!

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TIME FOR A BREAK!

"DAD JOKE" CORNER

How do you
tell the
difference
between a
bull and a
cow?

It is either one
or the udder!

		8	2			4	7	
				8		3	1	
	9				4	8		
	3	4	6	1				
			4		7			
				5	8	1	4	
		9	8				3	
	1	2		9				
	7	3			1	6		

Each row, column and square (9 spaces each) needs to be filled out with the numbers 1-9, without repeating any numbers within the row, column or square. Solution on next page. "Sudoku puzzles are provided by www.sudokuoftheday.com

Community Information



In case of emergency, Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are located inside the main entrances of the **Centreville Community Hall** and **Centreville Baptist Church** and attached to the side of the **Centreville Park Building**

Centreville Hall Rental

Contact Betty Harper
902-678-0041
timharper@eastlink.ca

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

Where: Centreville Hall

When: **Fourth Thursday** of the month

Time: 7:30 pm

Exceptions: June, July, August and December by notification

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

TOPS

TOPS meets at the Centreville Baptist Church, Murray Drive, on **Monday evenings (except holidays) at 5 pm.** We are open to new members at the cost of **\$48.00 yearly**, which includes a magazine from headquarters with "Eating Sensibly" ideas and recipes. You can drop by for one free meeting. For more information contact Madeline Sheffield at 902-678-7584. **Please note changes to time and contacts.**

Cancer Support Group

For women with or recovering from any type of cancer. Meetings are held the **second Thursday of each month** at 1:00 pm at alternating locations.

Info:

Dorothy 902-538-3374 msalsman@xcountry.tv

Pat 902-678-9100 patmutch@hotmail.com

Margot 902-542-1466 margotwithat@hotmail.com

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 Christine at 782-232-1448. Please note change in contact info.

REMO – Register Now for Updates

The Kings County Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) visited the Hall to speak about emergency action for disasters such as hurricanes, flooding and evacuations that may impact residents at risk. They want to make sure that Vulnerable Persons are registered. This is a free and confidential service aimed at improving the safety of vulnerable persons during emergencies. To register please visit: REMO_KingsCounty@countyofkings.ca.

Sudoku Solution

2	6	9	1	4	5	3	7	8
4	8	5	3	6	7	2	1	9
1	3	7	2	9	8	6	5	4
7	4	1	8	5	3	9	2	6
3	9	6	7	2	4	1	8	5
8	5	2	6	1	9	4	3	7
9	2	8	4	7	1	5	6	3
5	1	3	9	8	6	7	4	2
6	7	4	5	3	2	8	9	1