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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TREE LIGHTING FOR CENTREVILLE!

by CA DaCosta



Another successful Christmas Tree Lighting took place on December 8. That morning it didn't seem like it would go forward. The Valley was pummeled with an Alberta Clipper, giving us our first major snowfall of the season. The weather cleared up throughout the day, the sign at the Community Hall still advertised the Tree

Lighting, and people got out to clear their walkways and driveways.

But would people show up? Would they brave the cold and the barely plowed roads? Last year the weather had been beautiful, clear and mild. The community came out in droves. It was easy to see when the cookies on offer lasted a nano-second!

The weather this year was cold, the roads were icy but it was heartening to see local families join together at the Hall. While the numbers were not as big as last year, the excitement and joy was buzzing. And so were the children with many cookies and hot chocolate on offer.

Newly appointed Deputy Mayor, Everett MacPherson and Centreville institution, Merv Steadman, were chosen to light the tree this year. Aaron Dondale, President of the CDCDA, introduced them with the following:

"I know it's cold and we all probably have shovelling to do. So we were trying to figure this out and it's at least the 20th annual tree lighting at the Centreville Hall. One or two may have been missed through the

years but this has happened for at least the past 20 years so we're grateful that we get to keep that tradition going. We're going to have two people at the switch and light the tree for us tonight. The first one we're going to have is Mr. Everett MacPherson. Many people remember Everett as the principal of NKEC for four years, recently for the past two years he's been on Council at the Municipality of the County of Kings and for a month or so he's our new Deputy Mayor. So, I'd like to thank Everett for coming out. The second person who is going to flip the switch is Mr. Merv Steadman. Merv is a very long-time resident of Centreville. Over the past several decades he's been a president of the Park Association, he's been the president of the Community Development Association, he's extremely active with the Hall Association and he's very active with the Legion as well, so we're very grateful to have him here tonight. We need the kids to come up to the middle for a countdown, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1!"



And the tree was all aglow for another year.

The CDCDA would like to thank GK Morse Trucking once again for its generous donation of a beautiful tree which was carefully grown on DeLong Farms in New Germany.

The Centre Post

is published four times a year: Spring,
Summer, Fall and Winter.

The deadline for news items, etc., is the 16th day of February, May, August, and November. It is always good to get your information in before the deadline.

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From The Editor



The holiday season is upon us once again! Fingers crossed for a white Christmas!

I want to take a moment to reflect on how grateful I am for being accepted into this community. Finding one's place in a new community can be intimidating and, while it's been nerve wracking, becoming the Editor of the Centre Post has been an absolute joy for me. I've met so many lovely folks and while there was a steep learning curve, I think I might be getting the hang of it.

We are honouring 15-year writing veteran Gail Salmon in this edition. Gail also took the plunge to move from a large city to a rural community. I would love to hear more stories from others who have "escaped to the country" so if you would like to share your experience, I highly encourage you to reach out. Who knows? With enough interest, it might turn into a regular column!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Madeline Sheffield for her dedication to the Canning Food Bank and for her tireless efforts to ensure the paper finds its way throughout the community.

Finally, thank you to all of our contributors and readers. Wishing you a wonderful holiday season. Until Spring 2026, have a safe and joyful New Year!



Correction from Fall 2025 edition: The Canning Food Bank was founded by Lions Joe Gillis and Harry Currie.

Looking Forward to a Wonderful Holiday in Kings-Hants An Update from Kody Blois, Member of Parliament



I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well. This year has brought forward new challenges as we continue to adapt to the ever-changing political climate here at home and abroad. As the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, I have had a front row seat to the work our government.

The Prime Minister is committed to advancing policies that support affordability and maintain crucial social programs, while at the same time, making tough fiscal choices to reduce our operational spending — allowing more capital investment to drive economic growth. Canada has what the world needs, and we're focused on building major national projects that diversify our economy and reduce our dependency on the United States. The 2025 budget was recently passed, and we're excited to get to work on our initiatives. Here are some highlights to share:

- **Reducing taxes** for 22 million Canadians
- Removing the GST on the purchase of homes for **first-time home buyers**
- Committing significant resources for infrastructure, including for **community-based facilities**
- **Protecting crucial social programs** for seniors, while expanding youth job opportunities
- Investing more in our proud members of the **Canadian Armed Forces**
- Supporting key initiatives for our crucial **agricultural and forestry sectors**

To see the full Budget 2025, visit the Budget website: <https://budget.canada.ca/2025/home-accueil-en.html>

As 2026 approaches, my commitment to you will always remain the same, be present in our communities, and champion the needs of our farmers and small businesses. I will continue fighting for the initiatives and projects that matter to our communities and be a strong voice for the needs of rural communities in Kings-Hants, and across Canada, in Parliament.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if I can be of assistance. Thank you for your consideration, and my best regards to you and your loved ones as we approach Christmas and the Holiday season. I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

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Welcome from the Canard Community Church By Leta Ells

Located at 1315 Highway 341. A non-denominational community church based on inclusive fellowship and community outreach. Sunday school and youth programs and possibly a nursery, if required, will be resuming within the next couple of weeks. A warm welcome to everyone and we welcome visitors anytime!

Greetings from Canard Community Church. Time keeps flying past and it is time to start preparing for the Advent services and the celebration of Christ's birth. During Advent, we have what we call the "Giving Tree: where we collect items or money donations for three different charities. On the fourth Sunday, we pack food boxes for the list the CAICC (Canning and Area Interchurch Council) prepare. The Outreach committee selects the charities we donate to. There are many worthy causes.

On Dec. 20 we will be having a Blue Christmas service from 3-5 pm followed by a fellowship meal. These are services for those who find the season difficult, a time to reflect on what the season really means without the hoopla and a casual service where people can express their feelings and thoughts.

On Dec, 24 we will have a Christmas Eve service at 4:00 pm. The two Sunday School classes are busy preparing for Christmas.

Our services at 11:00 each Sunday can vary with some following a normal routine, while others may be intergenerational with the young people participating, while others may have members from the congregation giving their ideas on a particular sermon Rev. Wray has spoken on the week before. Every service is followed by a fellowship time, and we like to eat so there is usually some good food.

Early in the New Year, we will start having a fellowship

time once a week where we will share a meal and time for chatting, playing games and enjoying each other's company. Last year these were on Thursday, but the time hasn't been set for the coming year. I try to keep the web site up to date so if you are interested in attending these events, please visit canardcommunitychurch.com.

I do write a newsletter every Friday to share what is going on at the church and include some community announcements and end with a reading from a *Daily Guidepost* with tidbits for daily living. These go to a long list of people, many with no connection to the church, and if you would like to receive these contact me at glenells@hotmail.com or 902-582-7298. They are also on the website under Weekly Journal.

All the best for the Christmas Season and for the coming year!




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Trade, Energy and Healthcare Gains Among Achievements in 2025



It's that time of year again. The Christmas tree is up, the house is decorated and there is a mad dash to get as much done as possible before slowing down for two important

priorities – spending time with family and watching world juniors hockey!

Whether you make New Year's resolutions or not, this is a time of year when folks reflect on the highs and lows of the year that's soon to pass.

Between wildfires and a strained relationship with the United States, we certainly had our challenges this year. But as my Dad always said, there is nothing so bad in this world that some good can't come of it.

Our Province led the country in breaking down internal trade barriers and took important steps to unlock our natural resources so that we can play our part in Canada becoming an energy superpower and bring good-paying jobs and opportunities to Nova Scotia communities.

We brought a new focus to buying and supporting local. Because of Nova Scotia Loyal branding, folks know when they're supporting Nova Scotian businesses.

Our government also fulfilled promises made in the last election campaign to lower taxes, remove the bridge tolls, implement free parking at hospitals and offer free

shingles vaccines for seniors.

We continue to make incredible progress in healthcare. In January 2025, there were 110,000 Nova Scotians on the Need a Family Practice list. As of December 1, that number is down to 68,490, which is about 6.5 per cent of the population.

We always said that the investments in health were going to take time, but we are seeing momentum on this front.

Helping people in our communities in their time of need is certainly part of the holiday spirit, but it's also the Bluenoser spirit. As Premier, I'm so proud of the people who step up and support their neighbours. We saw the way communities responded during wildfires.

In many ways the Christmas season is a reminder of who we are as Nova Scotians. Whether it's toy drives, food hampers or bringing holiday cheer to our seniors – communities step up and take care of each other.

If you find yourself browsing for last minute Christmas gifts this year, keep an eye out for local. You'll be certain to pick up a quality product and support a neighbour in doing so.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to you and your family. Here's to a prosperous 2026!.

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MUNICIPAL CORNER

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



I have recently been honoured to have been selected to serve as Deputy Mayor of Kings County for the next year. I take this responsibility seriously and appreciate the opportunity to work in support of the citizens of District #1 and Kings County in general. I continue to appreciate your support as I strive to make challenging decisions in the best interests of our communities.

Recently, there have been several Remembrance Day services across the County. I am always impressed by the dedication of our students to understand and show respect towards the men and women from our region who made sacrifices during war time. I attended three different Remembrance Day services in schools this year. Students are interested in the history of our country and strive to remember and show respect by reflecting on the sacrifices of war and by pledging to perform acts of peace and kindness towards others.

Things are busy in Council as we continue to seek a balance between protecting important agricultural land and permitting responsible development. There continues to be a need for housing and finding ways to support this growth and development while protecting what makes our communities so peaceful, safe, and attractive. Speaking of safe, I remind you to keep our roads safe by abiding by speed limits. There are highways leading to Centreville from every direction. It is easy to lose focus. Let's make sure that our citizens are safe!

Preparations and planning for a new recreation facility in Kings County, including an aquatic centre, walking track, gymnasium and meeting rooms continue. This is an exciting initiative that will provide a modern facility for citizens of all ages. Whether you are learning to swim, seeking to improve your fitness or health, or seeking a place to walk when the roads, sidewalks, and trails are snowy or slippery, all will be welcome.

The sentiment of goodwill towards others becomes more prominent as we enter the holiday season. As things get busy and we focus on preparations and focus more on the warm sentiments of the lights, movies, food, and celebrations with family and friends, please keep in mind those who are less fortunate or who have life circumstances that may make this time of year more challenging. I hope the Christmas/Holiday season brings you peace and happiness.

Finally, I remember the concern of Y2K like it was yesterday and whether the world would shut down. It has been 26 years! Although the world can be challenging and even frustrating, I look at the arrival of 2026 with optimism. I encourage you to be active, to get involved in your community, and to demonstrate patience and kindness. We are fortunate to live in such a wonderful place as Centreville and area. Best wishes for good fortune and health for 2026!

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THE BIRTH OF A ROVING REPORTER!

by CA DaCosta



Celebrating her 15th year as the Roving Reporter for the Centre Post, Gail sat down with me to reminisce about her arrival in Centreville, connecting with the community and ultimately, becoming the Roving Reporter for the newsletter.

Living in Montreal with her husband, Jim, they always enjoyed camping, canoeing, swimming and hiking. But a 4.5-hour drive to Algonquin Park, ON meant they couldn't indulge in their hobbies very often. Jim's brother-in-law was attending Acadia in Wolfville in the late '70's, so when Gail and Jim came to visit him one summer, they discovered the beauty of the province, particularly the area surrounding Wolfville. Here they could be at a beach in 15 minutes, the campground in 15 minutes and the other side of the coast in less than an hour. In a classic *Escape To The Country*, it seemed like a no brainer. In August, 1981, a then-pregnant Gail and her husband packed up and made the move. First child, Nathan was born 3 months later. Daughter Jessica was born in November 1984. Jim was a substitute teacher for Kings County Schools until he was hired at Cornwallis High School in 1982

Assimilating into a new community can be intimidating but Gail, having chosen to stay at home with her newborn, took to getting to know her new neighbours. The following January, local woman Kaye Slipp, appeared at Gail's doorstep. "Hello, I'm from the welcome wagon!". Kaye was an active member of the local Good Neighbour Club, which is still quite active today. Kaye was there to welcome Gail and her new family to the community. It was just what she needed to get involved. It wasn't long before Gail found herself at the Good Neighbour Club, meeting so many members of the community. But she didn't stop there. Gail threw herself into everything that Centerville had to offer; PTA, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Girl Guides, Hot Food Program at Aldershot School, rising to President of the Kings County Literacy Council and fulfilling many positions with the Good Neighbour Club. And if that wasn't enough, she was hired by Man Power and, for four years, she dedicated herself to teaching non-reading farm workers to read and write. She found this to be enjoyable and fulfilling.

With that much involvement and being a stay-at-home mom, this meant she knew everyone on her street. Gail laments, "that's something that is not very present anymore."

While speaking about her time teaching literacy skills, she shared a bit about her own academic journey as a young girl. School was a struggle and learning was difficult. She failed grade 6 twice, failed grade 7 once and, as too often happens, she was placed in grade 8. She was labelled "stupid" by her teachers; a troubled student who chatted too much in class and tended to daydream instead of paying attention to the lessons. If young Gail was attending school today, she would most likely have been diagnosed as "being on the ADHD spectrum". While she has never been officially diagnosed, reading about the signs and symptoms made it clear to her that being labelled "stupid" did far more harm than she realized. She had to prove to herself, and to others, that she wasn't "stupid". That proof culminated in earning two degrees in four years, a Bachelor of Arts English and a Bachelor of Education, from Acadia University. This accomplishment led to positions from Wolfville to Berwick teaching Primary to Grade 12 for a number of years. Gail believes this is an important message for children who may be struggling with school today.

When asked what changes she's seen over the years, Gail believes there is a "history missing", that younger and new arrivals to the community either don't want to get involved or might not know how. She believes outreach is so important for newcomers, much like Kaye Slipp welcomed her as a new mom so many years ago.

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As the years went by, Gail and Jim invested their time in raising their family. But in 2010, Good Neighbour Club Member, Suzanne Trudeau, contacted her and asked if she would like to contribute some poetry for the upcoming edition of The Centre Post. The Centre Post was a fledging community paper and Suzanne was the lead editor. Gail remembers writing poetry from a very young age, "I dreamed in iambic pentameter" so she was more than happy to share her creations. Before long, Gail was not only contributing poetry, but she was writing articles.

One of her first articles was about Ward's Convenience Store. Ward's would be closing soon so Gail was given the task of writing an article to say "goodbye". Gail was very sad to see Ward's go, "he was a great butcher". In its place a new café opened. Never one to let grass grow, Gail wrote a "hello" article welcoming the new business into the community. The Roving Reporter was born!

Gail has written well over 80 articles during her time with the Centre Post. Some fond memories include a "broken telephone" moment whereby one resident was convinced that an interviewee was very angry with something Gail had written. In a classic face-to-face moment, Gail visited the interviewee and said, "I hear you're angry with me." "What for?" came the response, thus proving face-to-face time can smooth many wrinkles. (Kids, take note.) A visit to Delft House provided a unique opportunity to view the beautiful B&B, "I saw it at its best!" as she remembers seeing the handmade quilts, and the antiques, much like they were originally. "I interviewed (historian and regular contributor to the Centre Post prior to his passing last year) Mackie Frail. He was a volcano of information. He even knew the history about my own home on Sherman Belcher!" Gail believes, with the loss of Mack Frail's article to the Post, people will

eventually lose that hunger for historical information about the area. The Red Hat Women were also interviewed, "a fun bunch" and countless others. Over the years, Gail has interviewed almost every new business that has opened in Centreville. In an effort to introduce these new businesses, they always appear on the front page which also gives them a much-needed boost to their fledgling businesses.

Over the past two years Gail has also taken on the responsibility of securing advertising for the paper. Her early experience as a Bookkeeper in Montreal paid off. "No-one says 'no'", she says with a hearty laugh.

The one thing Gail would love to see going forward is an influx of more regular contributors. "We need some young blood."

When asked why she thinks people look forward to reading a local community paper, she replied "I will ask (Distributor) Madeline Sheffield if she has any left and her answer is always 'they're all gone!' The older community loves the Centre Post. They like to know what's going on, new business appearing on the front page gives them a real boost when joining the community. Some locals will even mail a copy to relatives across Canada and while it's very easy to visit (the website) and access the paper in colour, most people prefer a hard copy." Gail has every copy in her house. "It's a documented history of Centreville."

Final thoughts? "It's a fun job. I get to talk to new people, see what happens in the community. I like people a lot and I love to write. It's a perfect match!"

When not supporting the community, Gail spends the rest of her time enjoying her four grandchildren.

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No Indispensable Man
Submitted David Ward



Sometimes when you're feeling important, sometimes when your ego is in bloom, sometimes when you take it for granted you're the best qualified man in the room. Sometimes when you feel your going will leave an unfillable hole, just follow these simple instructions, and see how they humble your soul. Take a bucket and fill it with water, put your hand in up to your wrist, pull it out and the hole that's remaining, is a measure of how much you'll be missed.

You can splash all you wish when you enter, you may stir up the water galore, but stop and you'll find in no time, it looks much the same as before. The moral of this quaint little example is to do the best you can. Be proud of yourself but remember, there is no indispensable man! **(Author Unknown)**

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THE NORTHVILLE FARM HERITAGE CENTRE 2025 IN REVIEW by Jennie Sawlor

As we wrap up our 25th Anniversary Year, 2025 has been a milestone for the Northville Farm Heritage Centre. What began in 2000 as a small gathering in an empty parking lot has grown into a vibrant community hub where heritage, hard work, and heart come together. Our events were well attended again this year, with strong participation at the Apple Blossom Antique Tractor Pull and growing interest in private and group bookings - including another beautiful wedding on the grounds. Weekly card parties and quilters' meet-ups have kept Heritage Hall lively year-round.



Ongoing initiatives include our Honorary Lifetime Membership Award, memorial bench plaques (contact Jennie at 902-690-5096 or jrweisner@gmail.com), work toward a full 25th Anniversary cookbook, and our 2026 calendar.

We're excited to launch a special "Bring a Friend" membership drive for 2026! Current members can invite someone new to join the Northville Farm Heritage Centre for just \$5 for their first year. It's a great way to grow our community, welcome fresh faces, and share everything that makes NFHC such a special place.

None of this would be possible without our dedicated volunteers, from event planners and groundskeepers to the Cookhouse crew keeping everyone fuelled in all kinds of weather. We're also excited about what's ahead: renovations to Heritage Hall are planned for 2026 to improve accessibility, comfort, and functionality.

Our AGM will take place February 19, 2026 (snow date February 20); membership remains \$15 and ensures voting privileges. Our regular monthly meetings take place on the first Thursday of every month (except January) at 7:30 pm in Heritage Hall – all are welcome to attend!

On behalf of the Board, thank you to all officers, directors, volunteers, and supporters for helping NFHC continue to thrive as a living testament to our agricultural roots and rural spirit.

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COMMUNITY GROUPS



**Centreville District Park
and Recreation
Association (CDPRA)**
Submitted by Joy Acker, Secretary

With winter setting in, happenings at the park are slowing down, although lots of people still come to walk their dogs, play on the playground and make use of the basketball court as well as running and walking on the trails. We have put away the pickleball net for the winter but feel free to bring your own if you wish.

We were very fortunate to receive a donation of \$1529.93 from the "Picture Me In A Tree" run/walk that was put on by Tony Martin on October 21st, 2025. It was a great success with 62 people registering. He is already planning for next year!

As winter approaches, keep in mind that the park has snowshoes to lend out free of charge. Just message us on Facebook or send an email to centrevilleparkrecreation@gmail.com and we will arrange to get them for you.

If you want to use the park and have the washrooms open for your use, just contact us and we'll arrange to open them on that day for you.

Volunteers are what keeps the park operating and if you are interested in getting involved, we would love to have you. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Community Hall at 7:00 p.m. A monthly commitment is not required if you don't have the time, however, if you would like to volunteer at an event, send us your email address and we'll add you to the event list.



Centreville 50-Plus Club
"Friends Enjoying Friends"
by Darrell E. Spurr, President

Centreville 50 Plus meets Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 to 4.00 pm. Area seniors enjoy games of bridge, cribbage, 45s, skip bo, aggravation and more. Mid-afternoon we take a break for coffee, tea and often snacks. Birthdays are celebrated monthly with cake and good wishes.

Our last session before Christmas was held on December 10th with a delicious dinner prepared by our members and served to members and guests.

We will start again on January 7th, 2026. We charge a one-time membership fee of \$10.00. This pays for a name tag. Each week we have a free will offering and a 50/50 draw. This enables us to pay rent, buy supplies etc. Drop in any Wednesday to check us out. No charge for the first day!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2026 from your friends at 50 Plus!



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 the January 17, 2026 from 7-10 am and will continue on the third Saturday of every month.

From us to you, thank you for your support throughout the year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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



It's Time To Dance!

Local resident and artist, Marcia Savident Hinks, has been teaching belly dancing to locals for the last couple of years, welcoming fun-loving women on Monday nights at the Community Hall.

Marcia has decided to pass on her flaming hip scarf to a new instructor so, beginning Spring 2026, the group will welcome the lovely **Jessica Best Smith**.

You can contact Marcia directly through Facebook – Centreville Belly Dance.



Centreville Baptist Church

Submitted by Madeline Sheffield

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pastor @ cbckc.ca Or info@cbckc.ca

Weekly Events:

- Sunday** - 10:30 Morning Worship In Person or Online (come early for coffee/ tea)
- Monday** - 9:00- 1:00 Ladies Quilting Contact Sharon Manzer 902 678-2836
- Tuesday** - 10:00 Al-Alon Meets;, Senior Exercise & Walking in Gym
- Wednesday** - 10:30 Bible Study Groups (Men's & Women's) Starting soon
- Thursday** - 7:00 pm Zoom Prayer Meeting
- Friday** - 10:00 am Senior Exercise & Walking in Gym Starting soon
6:30 - 8:00 pm Youth Group Ages 12-18 Games Gym, Various & Snacks

Note: Our gym is available to rent for Pickleball.
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Ladies Auxiliary does Soup & Dessert Luncheon Last Tuesday of Month (Sept-May)

Special Event: October 19, 7;00 Harvest Hymn sing (Various Churches)
Freewill Donation goes to Canning & Area Foodbank.

Come for a visit, All Welcome!

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!!

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BACON CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE TRUFFLES



- 20-24 chocolate chip cookies (store bought is fine)
- 4 oz cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 8 slices bacon, cooked, drained and finely chopped (reserve two for garnish)
- 2 cups chocolate chips, melted

INSTRUCTIONS

- Crush cookies into fine crumbs (food processor)
- Add 6 slices of finely chopped bacon and cheese
- Mix together until ball of cookie dough forms
- Roll into 2" balls. Place on parchment paper lined cookie sheet and freeze for 15 minutes
- Meanwhile, microwave chocolate chips and oil in 30;second intervals until creamy and smooth
- Dip the balls in melted chocolate and immediately sprinkle with reserved bacon
- Place in fridge to allow chocolate to set.

Enjoy!

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Supermoon
by Gail Salmon

Dusk was upon me; I studied the moon.
Its full face transformed
To a radiant glow, clear, pure, white
A snow globe in the darkening sky.
Not a star dare compete.
Even Venus' brazen glare,
Faded, waiting for the heavenly body to lose
some luster.
Low in the sky, it sat resting, floating
In the crotch of a forked tree.
It lingered as I drove,
Moonbeams dusting the crowns of houses.
I turned the corner, the orb shone
Over icy fields, a glowing runway of light,
A companion, shepherding me.
It was in its grandeur, larger than life
Bringing the heavens closer to earth
A phenomenon glistening in the sweeping sky.
On this cold, wintery night. Luminous,
A beacon in my travel,
Sometimes leading, sometimes behind,
Always assuring me that it knew the way.
It followed as I crossed a bridge,
The ice and salty water glistened
Like imprisoned fireflies
Under the glassy crystal surface.
And still, it lit my way,
A floodlight to my path as if I played a part,
Lead role as traveler in the night.
It rose to challenge celestial objects,
Full and bright,
As darkness tried to dull Earth's light
The moon, in all her splendor, steadfast,
The spotlight steered me home.
An anomaly, a masterpiece,
I give my gratitude.



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

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**

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

Where: Centreville Hall
When: *Quarterly (Feb, May, Aug, Nov) on the 4th Thursday*
Time: 7:00 pm

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 **\$59.00 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.

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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.

Sudoku Solution

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

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.