

The Bell Island Community Policing Newsletter

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From the Corporal's Desk

Has Bell Island gone to the dogs.....No! But some would say the dogs are running loose!

There are issues about dogs and dog owners that need be fixed. This month I am going to side track a bit from issues of general interest to an issue of great general concern. Dogs.... and more specifically irresponsible dog owners.

Personally I love animals. I am a dog owner and I really can't remember a time in my life when I didn't have a dog or two. Many Bell Islanders are dog owners as well. The majority are responsible dog owners but I am positive there are some that do not take proper care of their animals. I say this due to the increasing number of complaints our office is getting and the increase in

the number of complaints the council is getting concerning abuse, neglect, roaming, and other irresponsible acts. Not only are these owners mean and irresponsible (that word keeps coming up) these persons are acting against the law. In fact they are acting against many laws including some municipal by laws, the provincial Dog Act and federal sections of the Criminal Code specifically the Cruelty to Animal section. Each breach means heavy fines and the police and town council are readying themselves for a strict joint enforcement project to combat what has become an intolerable situation for residents of our Island.

The following are some of the most common breaches of the law:

Allowing dogs to run

loose: Simply you are not allowed at any time to do it. Not to let them go do their business, not to let them run.... no, no, no.....it is not allowed....period! The provincial laws clearly state a dog must be tied, tethered or penned at all times. This simple concept is the most abused section of this statute and the one that gets the most complaints. By letting your dog to run loose you are disregarding everyone else's right not to have their garbage tore up, their own dogs or cats harassed, their loved ones scared to walk the roads. Besides being lazy and rude this behaviour will cost you in the vicinity of \$150 in fines when caught. This does not include pound fees or holding fees.

Improper Care or Housing of Pets: Some pet owners keep there pet

outside in a dog house set up with an appropriate run for their pets attached to the residence. Legally this residence has to protect the animal from the cold winds and weather by having a built in wind break inside the house. It must be large enough for the animal and must have a tether or line that allows the dog to get exercise without getting all tangled. Owners who do not have such a set up are in violation of the town by laws and possibly the Criminal Code. During extreme temperatures the pets cannot be left outside to the elements to fend for themselves regardless of the set up. This abuse is met with heavy fines and possible prohibition of ownership of pets in the future if the courts so chose.

Allowing Pets to Disturb Neighbours by barking or making noise: Responsible pet owners do not leave their dog out to bark all night so that neighbours cannot sleep. If you own a pet who fits this scenario you can be fined under the Town Regulations. Fines of \$50 and up are to be expected.

Having un-tagged or un-

licenced animals: The town council has tags for sale for all dog owners. These tags allow the police or animal control officer to identify these animals if found or hurt. It is your responsibility to get these tags from council.

Realistically why would anyone have a dog or dogs if they weren't looking after them. If you find yourself overcome with the care of the animal(s) you have and need to get rid of them to another home please contact the Animal Control Officer in Bell Island - Bill Lawrence for advice or action. If you have been subject of aggravation by a irresponsible pet owner and need action please contact Mr. Lawrence or the police. You must provide a statement outlining what has happened and be willing to state this information, if needed, in court. Going to court is very rare.

The RCMP Police and Animal Control Officer will be making patrols in the near future and laying charges on those who are in contravention of any animal law mentioned earlier.

Please learn your responsibilities and abide by them so you don't find yourself on the paying end of a ticket. No one wants that to happen. Stay safe....and respect others.
Boyd Merrill

Message From Our M.H.A.

It has been a busy four months since I have been elected as your M.H.A. Since being appointed to the Cabinet my responsibilities as Minister for Government Services and Lands have included dealing with many contentious and important issues facing our province including the soaring cost of insurance; vehicle inspections and safety on our highways, the administration of legislation regarding lotteries and Bingo, and other issues related to my department.

At the district level I have had the pleasure of traveling to Bell Island on many occasions to meet with officials regarding the operation of the ferry, the care and maintenance of roads, employment matters

and projects related to local development.

My office has dealt with approximately forty individual request from constituents on issues related to housing, health, transportation, social assistance, education and employment. My office is always open to those who need assistance/information and I invite you to contact my office when you have the need.

I have been encouraged and excited about meetings I have had in recent weeks pertaining to potential projects and programs for Bell Island. While it would be pre-mature to speculate on these discussions I feel that there is much room for optimism for the future. Bell Island has great potential for development in tourism and related areas. In the coming months I plan to work closely with the community of Bell Island to ensure a bright and progressive future.

You can contact my office by phoning:

Myrle Vokey.....729-4753
(Executive Assistant)
Gennie Tucker....729-6952

(Constituent Assistant)

For those who wish to contact me by email please address your comments to; dianne.whalen@gov.nl.ca.

I wish to conclude this short message with a word of congratulations and thanks to those who are responsible for producing the Bell Island Community Policing Newsletter. Keep up the good work Together we will build a brighter future for the residents of Conception Bay East & Bell Island.

***Dianne Whalen, MHA
Conception Bay East &
Bell Island
Minister***

***Benefit Dance In Aid of
Cathy Diamond
(Somerton)***

Cathy is a 29 year old Bell Islander who was just recently diagnosed with Kidney Disease. Cathy is presently receiving hemodialysis three times a week and is awaiting a kidney transplant. Cathy will be travelling to Toronto, Ontario this summer to receive her new kidney.

The dance will take place on:

**Saturday, March 27,
2004
at St. Michael's Parish at
9:30. There will be no
cover charge but all
donations are greatly
appreciated.**

Please come to support this worthwhile cause and have a great night out.

On behalf of the Somerton and Diamond families and friends, we thank you for your support. For further information or if you have any questions contact, Joey Somerton at 488-2150.

***From the Bell Island
Ferry User's Committee
February 2004***

TENTATIVE REPORT-
BELL ISLAND FERRY
USERS COMMITTEE:

1. WINTER SCHEDULE:
The public will note that the second vessel service has been extended to the early mornings with trips from Bell Island by the second ferry(Beaumont Hamel or Hamilton Sound at 820 am and 920 am. Currently this service is being offered on a trial

basis and the greater numbers of people using the service will increase our case to retain the service.

2. MIDNIGHT SERVICE: The weekday midnight service (Sunday to Thursday nights only) has been suspended on a short term basis for the winter months as part of the arrangement to be able to offer the early morning second vessel service.

3. COMMUTER RATES AND PASSES: All eligible commuters should now have their new winter 2004 pass. This must be displayed to be allowed access to the priority line-up and in future without the pass the pursers are not authorized to sell lower price commuter tickets and this policy will be strictly enforced. Commuters are encouraged to purchase the advance booklet of tickets which will help speed up the selling of tickets and ferry turnaround times.

4. STATUS OF NEW FERRY CONSTRUCTION: The Committee is optimistic of a favourable decision by

Government in the next few months that will see authorization granted to commence construction of a new 28 car and 160 passenger ferry to replace the aged Hamilton Sound.

5. BEAUMONT HAMEL REFIT: The Committee has been advised that the Beaumont Hamel will depart in early March for its annual refit and then it will likely travel for a period to Fogo Island to allow their ferry to complete its refit. In that event the Beaumont Hamel will be replaced by the Hamilton Sound for the next several months. Let us hope we have no Arctic ice.

6. FERRY RATES- 5 year phased in slight adjustments: The Committee successfully lobbied the PC Party to include in their 2003 policy book a commitment to set ferry rates based on the equivalent cost to travel the same distance by road with a continuation of discounts on that rate for frequent commuter users and seniors. The PC Blue Book contains a commitment to phase in rate adjustments over the next 5 years. This policy when implemented should see

ferry rates continue to be stable and close to current rates. Mostly slight decreased rates would be expected on the Bell Island service especially for seniors. Government will likely indicate in its 2004 Budget Speech if it intends to commence the 5 year phase in this year or whether it could be deferred to start in 2005.

7. FUNDING TO COMPLETE BELL ISLAND FERRY DOCKS: The Committee has requested capital funding of \$700,000 in Budget 2004 to complete the rehabilitation of these docks.

8. ACTIVATION OF THE NEW ELECTRONIC SIGNS: Despite many long delays we are advised that the signs will be operational shortly.

On behalf of the Committee
ED KENT-CONSULTANT

Also here is the publication sent to **the Telegram's Editor for Publication...**

**Letter to Editor
Top 10 reasons to invest**

in new ferry

As the new Government reflects on its priorities, there are 10 major reasons why construction should start in 2004 on a new ferry replacement program. The previous Government has already announced it received 2 local shipyard bids from the Fall 2003 Request for Proposals to build a 28-car and 160-passenger ferry. With the Throne Speech pending, a long awaited green light for new ferry construction is essential. Pursuant to this RFP, one would hope Government would negotiate a long-term lease deal with a shipyard to meet this urgent need and provide a capital economic investment, while addressing decay in the 12 vessel provincially owned fleet.

New ferry-Top 10

1. ECONOMIC INVESTMENT-SHIPYARD SPIN-OFF: Ferry construction will provide a stimulus capital investment in the Provincial economy in shipbuilding.

2. SUSTAINING/ CREATING JOBS: Ferry construction will generate jobs and sustain/ generate

industry and employment in over 40 rural towns.

3. VOTE OF CONFIDENCE - RURAL AREAS: New vessels in affected ferry serviced communities will enable industries including fish plants, small businesses and tourism operations to flourish.

4. COMMITMENT ENTRENCHED- BLUE BOOK: A new fleet replacement policy is entrenched in PC Blue Policy Book in 2003 as a high priority. The PC Opposition introduced in Nov 2001 a legislature member's resolution calling for new ferries to replace "rust buckets".

5. PLEAS FOR NEW FERRIES: Auditor General's Reports, Municipalities Federation resolutions and interest groups have repeatedly advocated new vessel construction.

6. FEDERAL 15% SUBSIDY: A Federal SFF shipbuilding subsidy is available to reduce construction costs by 15%.

7. LOW INTEREST COSTS: Rates are at record

lows. Attractive leasing is available for 20-year financing with the first budget payment not due until completion in 2006.

8. SERVICES URGENTLY NEED NEW FERRIES: A desperate need is proven for a shared swing-vessel to serve many communities. The Hamilton Sound is 38 years old.

9. PUBLIC INTERESTS / SAFETY COMPROMISED: Many ferries are aged, unsafe, unreliable, and costly to operate/ refit. Many are constantly inoperative at the expense of rural economies.

10. END 15-YEAR FREEZE: Ferry operations are essential, not unlike policing, hospital care, and snow clearing services. After a 15-year funding freeze, vessel replacement is urgently needed.

The case for ferry investment is compelling.

Ed Kent CA

February 24

IMPROVED SERVICE ON TUESDAY GAS

TRIP DAYS:

The 11:20 am trip on Tuesday's by the Flanders has operated with limited capacity for 25 passengers maximum while the gas truck is returning on this reserved trip. This has caused traffic backlogs and chaos in fairly determining who is allowed to be part of the lucky 25.

a. EXTRA TRIP

TUESDAY: On an interim basis for now, it has been agreed to sail the second vessel, currently the Beaumont Hamel on Tuesday mornings only as an extra trip to depart Bell Island at 10:40 am and to return to Bell Island at 11:20 am. The ferry upon its return will commence the normal regular 12 noon run from Bell Island. This will address traffic backlogs.

b. ACCESS TICKETS: In future, when there is limited capacity, the ferry **WHARF ATTENDANTS** will hand out access pass tickets on trips which have restricted passenger complements to ensure that those who arrive at the terminal first at the first accommodated. This will be different from current practice which has been that

the first to rush onto the ferry when it arrives gets on, at the expense of those who have been waiting much longer times in vehicles. Users are asked to respect and support this fair way to allow boarding the ferry on gas trips.

c. NO SMOKING: Further, recently there have been incidents of users detected smoking on the ferry while the vessel is carrying a gas truck. Such lack of consideration is endangering all aboard and the Committee fully supports action against those abusers of safety regulations while the vessel has a gas tanker aboard. In fact, the ferries are non smoking at all times for safety reasons but especially so while carrying gas tankers.

From St. Michael's Roman Catholic Parish

Dear Friends :

On February 25th, the Christian church will begin the Lenten season. This is a season of joyful anticipation for the Easter season., The season of lent

is a period of forty days as we recall need to turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel. As part of our spiritual journey during these lenten days, the following story may help us focus on our need to trust in God and rid ourselves of the many negative messages we sometimes echo in our daily lives.

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming.

Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect himself from the elements, and to store his few possessions.

But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened - everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger.

"God, how could you do

this to me?" he cried.

(John 3:16 - John 13:34)

Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him.

You say, "I can't go on."
God says: "My grace is sufficient." (II Cor. 12:9 - Psalm 91:15)

"How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers.

You say, "I can't figure things out."
God says: "I will direct your steps." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

"We saw your smoke signal," they replied. It's easy to get discouraged sometimes when things appear to be going badly. But we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember, next time your little hut is burning to the ground, it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God.

You say, "I can't do it."
God says: "You can do all things in Me." (Phil 4:13)
You say, "It's not worth it."
God says: "It will be worth it." (Romans 8:28)

For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it.

You say, "I can't forgive myself."
God says: "I forgive you." (I John 1:9 - Romans 8:1)

You say, "It's impossible".
God says: "All things are possible". (Luke 18:27)

You say, "I can't manage."
God says: "I will supply all your needs." (Phil 4:19)

You say, "I'm too tired."
God says: "I will give you rest". (Matt 11:28-20)

You say, "I'm afraid."
God says: "I have not given you a spirit of fear." (II Tim. 1:7)

You say, "Nobody really loves me".
God says: "I love you".

You say, "I'm always worried and frustrated".
God says: "Cast all your cares on ME (I Peter 5:7)

You say, "I don't have enough faith."
God says: "I've given everyone a measure of faith." (Romans 12:3)

You say, "I'm not smart enough."
God says: "I give you wisdom." (I Cor. 1:30)

You say, "I feel all alone."
God says: "I will never leave you or forsake! you." (Heb. 13:5)

Sincerely:
Father Wayne Dohey
Blessings for a Holy
Lenten Season

From the Hospital

For your information, Dr. Laurie will be away from her office March 15 – 19, 2004 inclusive.

Did you know that the first patient admitted to the Bell Island Hospital was Colin Costello, January 23, 1965.

The first baby was delivered in the new hospital on February 8, 1965, do you know who it was?

Congratulations to the Licensed Practical Nurses. They have just completed two educational modules for pulse oximetry and cardiac lead placement. The Licensed Practical Nursing staff at the Dr. Walter Templeman Health

Centre are the only LPN's in the Health Care Corporation permitted to do this transfer function.

Ferry Priority Passes are granted from physicians to Bell Island Residents who need to go to St. John's for medical reasons or appointments for specialized care. These priority passes are to be obtained from your doctor's office or from the Out-Patient Department Nurse Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 5:00 PM. No pass will be granted before or after these hours therefore to avoid delays and missed appointments please plan your day to include your priority pass from the physician.

PHYSICIAN TIP: BE CARFEUL WHEN SHOVELING SNOW
Take it slow! Shoveling can raise your heart rate and blood pressure dramatically; so pace yourself. Be sure to stretch out and warm up before taking on the task.

Push the snow as you shovel. It's easier on your back than lifting the snow out of the way.

Don't pick up too much at once.

Lift with your legs bent – not with your back.

Keep the shovel close to your body, don't extend your arms with a shovel full of snow – it puts too much weight on your spine.

Do not work to the point of exhaustion. If you run out of breath, take a break. If you feel tightness in your chest, stop immediately.

If you have a history of heart trouble, do no shovel without a doctor's permission.

Dress warmly. Remember that extremities need extra attention in the cold.

Drink plenty of water before and after the job.

HEAD LICE IS ON THE MOVE!

What are head lice?

Head lice are tiny parasites that live on the human scalp. You will not find them on cats, dogs or any other household pet.

Head lice are grayish-white in color, about 2-3 mm in size and multiply rapidly. Children are more likely than adults to pick up head lice mainly because they

are in close contact with each other. Infestation occurs most commonly in classrooms and daycare centers.

Don't be alarmed

If your child had head lice, there is no cause for alarm or embarrassment. Head lice are a nuisance, but they are not known to transmit disease nor do they indicate poor hygiene.

How do they spread

Head lice are spread through head to head contact and through sharing combs, brushes, hats, scarves, pillows, towels, stuffed toys or any article that has come into contact with an infested person. Typically, lice cannot survive away from the body for more than 24 hours. **Lice cannot jump or fly!**

What to look for

The first sign of head lice is constant itching of the scalp particularly around the ears and the back of the head. Head lice are difficult to see because they are very small and because they avoid light. Their nits, which are small almost white and oval in shape, may be easier to

spot. They can be found stuck to the hair near the scalp. Nits may look like scalp flakes or shampoo residue, but they are firmly stuck to the hair and difficult to remove by hand.

If your child has head lice, everyone in the household must be inspected too. Those who are infested must be treated. To get rid of head lice and nits they all have to be removed from the hair. Use treatment only if there are live lice or if the nits are close to the scalp. A medicated cream rinse or shampoo can be used to help kill the lice. **Nits have to be removed by pulling each one off the hair to which it is attached. This is very time consuming.** You should also inform the parents of your child's friends. If your child is going to school, tell the teacher or Public Health Nurse. Children should not lose time from school. Return to school can be discussed with the Public Health Nurse.

How do you clean clothes and around the house
Clothing, bed sheets and blankets should be washed

in hot water and dried on the hot cycle whenever possible. Another way to kill the lice is to freeze the clothes, headgear, or other items such as stuffed animals for 24 hours, or dry clean. Regular household cleaning with care to vacuum mattresses, pillows, upholstered furniture and car seats is also recommended. **Fumigation of the house or school with sprays is NOT recommended and may have harmful effects.**

How do you prevent lice
It is fairly easy to get head lice. The following measures may help to prevent catching them.

Let all people who have had contact with your child know, so that they can check their children and prevent spreading them to others and back to your child.

Teach your child not to

share headgear such as hats, combs and brushes

Check your child's head daily

REMEMBER: Lice will not be gone until every nit is removed. Please contact your Public Health Nurse for further information at 488-2700

*A. Morgan
Manager*

News From Immaculate Conception School.

As most are aware by now, Immaculate Conception school will be closing at the end of this school year; St. Augustine's which will be a K-6 school and St. Michael's a junior / senior high school. The school is planning some special events to celebrate the long history it has enjoyed in

our community. In the next few issues of the RCMP Community Policing Newsletter we will provide more details on these events as well as current happenings at the school. Further details can also be found on the school website. (currently being updated).

One special project currently underway is the publication of a special commemorative yearbook to celebrate the school's past. This 48-page hardcover yearbook will include information about activities from the current school year, a section on the history of the school, its ties with the Sisters of Mercy, a selection of pictures of past staff and students, the successful volleyball program it has developed in recent years, etc.

If you would like to get your copy for only \$22.50, please contact the school at 488-2871. There are only a limited number being ordered so if you are interested place your order on or before March 31, 2004.

Since we wish to include special school closing events the final copy will

not be sent to the publishers until July. As a result the yearbook will not be available until October 2004.

If you would like more information or make a suggestion of something you would like to see in the yearbook please email Reg Durdle at rdurdle@stemnet.ca

More news from Immaculate Conception School next month.

***Wabana Boys & Girls Club
"Every Kid Has Potential"***

All our winter programs have started for all age groups but there are still some openings, so it's not too late to register. Phone the club or drop-in and register your child for our programs. Our membership is very affordable, ages 5-13 (\$3) and ages 14-18 (\$5). On Friday, February 13th, our Life Skills class had their graduation, and we are very pleased to see the support the graduates received from their parents. We would like to congratulate the members of the graduating class: Jordan Blackwood, Bradley Butler, Kelsey Delaney,

Megan Delaney, Simone Dunn, Bradley Gosine, Chelsea Tremblett, Jenna Vokey, Gregory Campbell, Kayla Cahill, Donnie Hawco, Kristen Kavanagh, Stacy Matthews, Stephen Pendergast, Sabrina Power, Kaitlyn Verge, and Courtney Vokey. The staff at the club are very proud of these members and we hope they continue to practice the skills they been taught.

The Life Skills Program is offered to two age groups "Just for Kids" is for ages 5-8 and "Skills and Thrills" are for ages 9-12. It's a twenty week program that teach the young people how to make good choices when dealing with difficult situations such as Teasing, Group Pressure, Staying out of Fights, Anger, or even Being a Friend. There are incentives offered to both children and parents for their appreciation and support towards the program. So, if you have a child between the ages of 5-12 and are interested in the Life Skills Program, call Mary at the club or drop in and talk to any of our staff.

In previous newsletters

you probably read about the Youth Volunteer Program that was formed at the club. I can't praise this team of teens enough for the tremendous amount of work they've done at the club the last six weeks. They help with the daily programs and fundraising projects; they've also become great role models for the younger members of our club. We would like to congratulate our Youth Volunteer of the Month for January, Ashley Arnold. Ashley is the daughter of Fred and Diane Arnold, she a grade 11 student at St. Michael's High and a very active members at the Boys & Girls Club. We just recently formed a Pre-Teen Council for members of ages 11-13. We hope these members can gain the experience to step up to the Youth Program within the next couple of years. The members of the Pre-Teen Council are Terry Arnold, Tasha Carroll, Jelena Dunn, Donnie Hawco, Ashley Hunt, Evan Kent, Shane O'Brien, and Nicole Rees. The staff at the club is looking forward to working with these members and supporting them in their efforts.

On Friday February 13th, our Youth Volunteers and our Pre-Teen Council had a Wake-a Thon to raise money to help out their programs. The project was a success and we would like to thank the people who sponsored our members for this fundraising project. The club also had our annual Valentine's Dance on February 13th with the crowning of our King (Terry Arnold) and Queen (Tish Barnes). The last few months our Thursday nights were only for our teens. Each week we have members from the R.C.M.P. and the NL Light & Power visit the club to play our members in a game of Volleyball. Some of the members referred to us as the "old timers" but once the night was over they looked like old timers Ha! Ha! At one point of the game Keith Neary and Jordan Shea begged for under-hand serves. I've seen our members play some great volleyball the last couple of years, but they can't handle the heat on Thursday Nights. Better luck next time boys & girls.

As you've seen in the previous two newsletters

and again in this letter the many names of our club members mentioned. We feel that it's important to acknowledge the volunteer work and achievements of our members. We have many great young individuals who attend our club and it's a privilege to watch them grow into fine young men and women.

Joe Somerton

***BELL ISLAND
BRIGHTER FUTURES
FAMILY RESOURCE
CENTRE***

Is the winter making you feel confined? Are you running out of activities to do with your child? Are you ready to try something new? Than come down and join in on the fun and activities with us at the centre. We have programs that your child will love being part of and programs just for adults that will have you laughing away the winter blues. Children will have fun this month doing things such as crazy hair day, odd slipper day, dance party, green day, snow day, a visit from a live turtle just to name a few things. Family fun is what we are all about, so

come and enjoy the activities with us. Some new families have joined us since last month and I welcome all others to do the same.

Currently we are having a coalition fundraiser of merchandise that may be of interest to you. We have a **12 package of tri-angle toothbrushes for \$10.00** a package (retail value \$3.00 each brush), **12 package of office blue ink gel pens for \$5.00** a package (retail value \$2.00 each pen), and **school/office kits for \$12.50** which consist of 11" x 15" plastic case, 12 pens, 12 pencils, eraser, stapler, staples, sharpener, projector, geometry shapes, pencil leads, high lighter, glue stick, scotch tape and 1 1/4" binder clips. If anyone is interested in purchasing these they can drop by the centre or call 488-2699 and make arrangements for pickup or delivery. All the above products were specially shipped down from Ontario and are of high quality..

Sometimes during busy schedules we forget to thank those who have helped us out over the year/s and I would like to say a big **THANK-YOU** to everyone

and every organization that have been generous to Brighter Futures. The Boys & Girls Club, St. Augustine's School and St. Michaels Parish for use of their space for special events we hold, Foodbank for donations of some sweets for special occasions, Mrs. Lorraine Cahill for her many years of support and kindness to myself and participants, parents for your help beyond program time, Mr. Lester Hawco for his business support to and from St. John's, RCMP for this newsletter and the many, many countless others who have helped us out. It is with this community support that enables us to grow and develop to offer our many programs to you the community.

Drop by and enjoy our core program **Parents & Tots** between 12:15pm and 2:15pm on Wednesday and Friday afternoons and become part of our Brighter Futures family.

Hollie Neary - Program Coordinator
488-2699

MEN WHO MINED THE ORE

Kay Coxworthy

We gaze back down the years today, a decade come and gone

As we prepared to celebrate a history – proud and strong

A hundred years of toil and tears, of friendships that endure
First on the surface then below where good men mined the ore

In '66 the world we knew was lost forever more
And thousands left the town they loved, where they had mined the ore

They made new lives but in their hearts they always longed to be
On the Iron Isle where ore still lay beneath the restless sea.

A dream we had – to celebrate in hardy island style
One hundred years of mining on our windswept Iron Isle

And from the ashes of the past came men who'd mined the ore
With music they shared history, with music they'll

endure.

The daughter of a miner saw potential, shared that dream
And helped to bring the past alive with this enduring team

Our mining men with ore-dust cheeks and voices raised in song
Gave back the spirit of our past – showed us where we belong.

Ten years have passed, so much has changed, but still their voices ring
Down through the years, down in the mines – where ghosts of miners sing

They make us proud, they give us hope, may they sing evermore
Deep in our hearts and memories – those men that mined the ore.

Dedicated to Lorraine Cahill and the pride of Bell Island on their 10th anniversary – our own “Submarine Miners” and to the memory of Gus Henry, and Freddy who have taken their mining songs to a far better place!

***Submission by Cst. Dan Bennett
\$20 Dollar Bill***

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20.00 bill. In the room of 200, he asked,

"Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this.

He proceeded to crumple the \$20 dollar bill up.

He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air.

Well, he replied, "What if I do this?"

And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe.

He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now, who still wants it?"

Still the hands went into the air.

My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson.

No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20.

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and

ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way.
We feel as though we are worthless.

But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value.

Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who DO LOVE you.

The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know, but by WHO WE ARE.

You are special - Don't EVER forget it."

Remember: amateurs built the ark ... professionals built the Titanic.

If God brings you to it - He will bring you through it.

Court News

A 37 year old Bell Island male is returning to court on the 26th of February, 2004 to answer to a charge of impaired driving.

A 33 year old Bell Island

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male charged with Possession of Property Obatined by Crime returns to court on March 4th, 2004 to answer to same.

35 year old male charged on February 17th, 2004 for supplying liquor to a minor and will appear in court on March 17th, 2004.

37 year old male attended court on February 9th, 2004 and plead guilty to possession of marihuana and received 6 months probation.

On February 23rd, a 22 year old male was charged for break and enter and theft. Male was held in custody for a bail hearing on February 24th, 2004 and plead guilty. The male was also on parole and a warrant had been issued for his arrest by the RNC for a past assault.

On February 11th, 2004 a 65 year old male was found guilty of sexually assaulting a minor. The man will appear in court in April for sentencing.

Thank You

Many thanks to all the business who are kind enough to allow the

newsletter to be displayed for pick-up.

The newsletter is also available on the internet at website:
www.bellisland.net.

Thanks to Reg Durdle for his help in doing this and for the excellent job he does on the website.

Closing

If you have any comments, concerns, or questions about the newsletter please contact us **Cpl. Boyd Merrill** at Boyd.E.Merrill@rcmp-grc.gc.ca or **Cst. Colleen Donovan** at Colleen.Donovan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca. We can also be reached at the RCMP Detachment at 116 Memorial Street.
Or: (709) 488-3312

**BELL ISLAND - PORTUGAL COVE
AUTO / PASSENGER FERRY SERVICE**

Bell Island - Portugal Cove Ferry Service

Effective January 2004 until Further Notice

MV “Flanders” (F) - MV “Beaumont Hamel” (BH)- MV-“Hamilton Sound”-(HS)

Vessel	Depart	Day	Depart	Vessel
	Bell Island		Portugal Cove	
F	5:55 am	Daily Except Saturday & Sunday	6:20 am	F
F	6:50 am	Daily Except Sunday	7:20 am	F
BH	7:20 am	Daily Except Saturday & Sunday	7:50 am	BH
F	7:50 am	Daily	8:20 am	F
BH	8:20 am	Daily Except Saturday & Sunday	8:50 am	BH
F	8:50 am	Daily	9:20 am*	F
F	9:50 am	Daily	10:40 am	F
F	11:20 am*	Daily	12:00 noon	F
BH	12:00 noon	Daily	12:40 pm	BH
BH	1:20 pm	Daily	2:00 pm	BH
F	2:00 pm	Daily	2:40 pm	F
BH	2:40 pm	Daily	3:30 pm	BH
F	3:30 pm	Daily	4:10 pm	F
BH	4:10 pm	Daily	4:50 pm	BH
F	4:50 pm	Daily	5:30 pm	F
BH	5:30 pm	Daily	6:10 pm	BH
F	6:10 pm	Daily	6:50 pm	F
BH	6:50 pm	Daily	7:30 pm	BH
BH	8:10 pm	Daily	8:45 pm	BH
BH	10:35 pm	Daily	11:10 pm	BH
BH	11:40 pm	Friday & Saturday Only	12:10 am	BH

**** Tuesday only Dangerous Goods-limited capacity to the first 25 passengers arriving at the terminal***

Note: If the Flanders has to replace 'Beaumont Hamel' or the Hamilton Sound when in service due to weather, etc., it will sail on its regular times and include a 7:30 pm (depart B.I.), 8:10 pm (depart P.C.) and a last trip at 10:20 p.m. (depart B.I.), 10:50 p.m. (depart P.C.)

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Note: * Dangerous Goods Tuesday Only