

# *The Bell Island Community Policing Newsletter*

**The Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
Avalon East District - Bell Island Detachment  
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**June 2004**

## ***From the Corporal's Desk***

I have driven dirt bikes since I was 12 and have had many kinds of motorized machines. I basically love the sport and all that is attached. But even in the first instance, my bikes were always driven by the rules with some level of safety in mind and so should everyone. Today one doesn't even have to go outside his door to see countless examples of where persons are using these motor vehicles any way they want to. TV and radio is full of examples of irresponsible parents and riders doing as they please with these multi-horse powered vehicles. Someone is going to be killed.....let me rephrase that....they already have been.

I watched a news story from New Brunswick this past week outlining a tragedy in one community where 4

persons have died in ATV related deaths in the past 5 weeks. I will let that settle in for a minute. 4 dead in 5 weeks. 50,000 ATV owners exist in New Brunswick and each one faces similar rules and regulations that riders have in this province. I would go so far as to say their rules are more strict than ours.....still there is tragedy.

In our province we probably have ATV owners in the tens of thousands as well. Guessing I would also say there are a significant number of three wheel type ATV's in this province or so it seems from my travels from Port aux Basques to Bell Island and points in between. A good number of these machines are 4 wheelers and 2 wheelers as well. Each one of these machines can sit in someone's yard all day and never hurt anything. Then

someone with a heartbeat starts the motor and drives off on one. That is where today's issues start.

First off persons who own these machines have to start being far more responsible. Before the machine is started there should be lights, brakes, proper tires, etc. on the bike. It has to be safe to drive before anything else. There are too many examples of person riding ATV's with no brakes or proper lighting especially in our own community.

Secondly if you must be old enough to handle the responsibility of driving the machine!. Not just knowing how to make it go but knowing the repercussions of driving a motor vehicle and the things that could happen.....there is a huge difference. Children

8,9,10,11,12 year olds do not have this concept in any manner. They can't. They are too young! 13, 14 and 15 year olds don't understand the concept of responsibility necessary to operate a motor vehicle on the road either but still it happens. These motor vehicles are not for any roadway where cars and trucks travel....none! Where are the parents!

Lastly these high powered extremely complicated machines must be driven in accordance with the law and with common sense. Contrary to the belief of some, they are not toys!

The laws regarding All terrain vehicles and off road vehicles are simple and simply put all persons in this province are going to be held to these rules more closely than ever. These motor vehicles need insurance, they need to be registered, you must be over 16 to operate one unless directly supervised by a responsible adult. This means in plain sight and able to control the bike through voice commands to the rider. It doesn't mean just giving the 13 year old permission to take her just to get them out of the house.

You must wear helmets and passengers (if your bike is made for passengers) must wear helmets. These motor vehicles must have proper lighting and brakes etc. And lastly but not least as we said above they **MUST BE DRIVEN RESPONSIBLY**. If you have questions before you ride please contact your local police office. You may not get a second chance.

Here is where we all are at present. Police have been directed to stop and seize all ATV's that are in contravention of the ATV rules and regulations. No breaks....all machines will be confiscated by police that are found on roadways or being driven anywhere in a dangerous manner! If found on others property then a seizure may also result. These machines will be held for court and the police will be requesting that the machines be forfeited to the crown upon conviction so that repeat offenses cannot occur. That is right....no second chances. Your bike will be gone. Consider this article the warning.

This appears harsh. Some maybe will say too strict

and it isn't fair. Some might even go so far to say this is a tragedy itself. Well.....after going to one autopsy of a child killed on a trike or a quad .....you would change your mind. Enough is enough.

***Boyd Merrill***

### **A Message From Your MHA**

Although there is a record number of ice bergs off our coast this year let us hope that the weather will soon turn warmer and we can all enjoy good summer weather.

The spring session of the House of Assembly experienced an extremely long session when it remained open for the equivalent of 53 days (with many long evenings)! Now that the House has closed we can turn our attention to other issues.

### **ATV'S**

A prime concern for our district (and our province) is the illegal and dangerous usage of ATV'S especially by underage drivers. The speeding infractions and dangerous operation of these vehicles have been the cause of many serious

life threatening accidents and our law enforcement personnel are taking the matter very seriously. As a matter of fact Bell Island has had a record of more fines and convictions than other jurisdictions in our province and has adopted a **Zero TOLERANCE** policy. Government and our police force are very proactive in enforcing safe use and driving of ATV'S. However, we all agree that the first and foremost responsibilities lies with parents and guardians and we ask for your cooperation and support.

**ROAD CONSTRUCTION**

The summer season is the time for road maintenance and repair. In recently announcing \$190,000 for road work on Bell Island I am pleased to report that work including a section of the West Mines Road from the Ten Commandments Range to the Wabana Complex will be completed as well as other selected areas on the Island. Regular road maintenance work will be carried out during the summer as well.

**WABANA BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB**

Funding has been obtained

from the Recreation Capital Grants Program for some much needed repair and maintenance for the Wabana Boys and Girls Club. This work is scheduled to be carried out during the summer period. The club has been a real success story on Bell Island and deserves all of our support and encouragement.

**LONG TERM PLANNING**

Now that the summer is approaching and the House of Assembly has closed I plan to spend time traveling throughout the district and participating in a variety of functions. Included in these activities will be meetings on Bell Island to plan and prepare for the long term growth and prosperity of Bell Island. The continuation of a viable and efficient ferry service will be a key factor in those discussions.

I extend best wishes to all residents of Bell Island for a pleasant summer vacation. I especially wish our students a happy summer holiday and encourage them to be safety conscious at all times.

*Dianne Whaled, MHA  
Conception Bay East &*

***Bell Island  
Minister***

***Alert: Telephone Credit  
Card Scam***

Vancouver Police  
Department  
Business Liaison Unit

NEWS RELEASE :  
2004-06-10  
FORWARDED ON  
BEHALF OF INP. BOB  
MANLEY, FINANCIAL  
CRIME:

This is a rather unique credit card scam that could work on you or any member of your family who has a VISA or MasterCard.

This is happening on a daily basis to many people. Good information to remember.

Our financial advisor sent us this scam, it is very clever and certainly would have taken me in. Read on so you don't get caught.

Those con artists get more creative every day. My husband was called on Wednesday from "VISA", and I was called on Thursday from "MasterCard". **The scam**

**works like this:**

Person calling says, "this is , and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud Department at VISA. My Badge number is 12460. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calling to verify. This would be on your VISA card which was issued by bank. Did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for \$497.99 from a marketing company based in Arizona?"

When you say "No", the caller continues with, "Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching and the charges range from \$297 to \$497, just under the \$500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address), is that correct?"

You say "yes". The caller continues... "I will be starting a Fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 1-800 number listed on the back of your card (1-800-VISA) and ask for Security! You will

need to refer to this control #."

The caller then gives you a 6 digit number. "Do you need me to read it again?" **Here's the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works.**

The caller then says, "he needs to verify you are in possession of your card". He'll ask you to "turn your card over and look for some numbers. There are 7 numbers; the first 4 are your card number, the next 3 are the 'Security Numbers' that verify you are in possession of the card. These are the numbers you use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card.

"Read me the 3 numbers". After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he'll say, "That is correct. I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions?"

After you say No, the caller then Thanks you and states, "Don't hesitate to call back if you do", and hangs up.

You actually say very little,

and they never ask for or tell you the card number.

But after we were called on Wednesday, we called back within 20 minutes to ask a question. Are we glad we did!

The REAL VISA Security Department told us it was a scam and in the last 15 minutes a new purchase of \$497.99 was charge on our card. Long story made short, we made a real fraud report and closed the VISA card, and they are reissuing us a new number.

What the scammers want is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card. Don't give it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or Master card direct. The real VISA told us that they will never ask for anything on the card as they already know the information since they issued the card!

If you give the scammers your 3 Digit PIN Number, you think you're receiving a credit. However, by the time you get your statement, you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make, and by then

it's almost to late and/or harder to actually file a fraud report.

What makes this more remarkable is that on Thursday, I got a call from a "Jason Richardson of MasterCard" with a word-for-word repeat of the VISA scam. This time I didn't let him finish. I hung up! We filed a police report, as instructed by VISA. The police said they are taking several of these reports daily!

They also urged us to tell everybody we know that this scam is happening.

Please pass this information to others you know. This is currently going on in Greater Vancouver.

**Det/Cst Gerry Burke**

### ***Bike Rodeo 2004***

On June 5th, 2004 the Bell Island RCMP along with partners in the community held the Annual Bicycle Rodeo. The Rodeo was held at Monsignor Bartlett Memorial Arena with approximately 80 kids attending. The Rodeo gave participating children the opportunity to test their bike riding skills by completing a

challenging obstacle course designed to prepare children to safely operate their bike on our streets. We are proud to say that all participants completed the bicycle course with flying colours and are better prepared to enjoy a summer of safe cycling.

However, the Bike Rodeo is not only a learning experience for the kids, the Rodeo is also filled with fun and prizes. This year as in the past there was overwhelming support from members of our community with donations and voluntarism. Therefore, we were able to present the kids with helmets, bicycles, radios and every child went home with a loot bag and drink. There were also two grand prize giveaways consisting of a gift certificate of \$150.00 for Bill's Cycle Shop donated by Randy SIMMS of the VOCM Cares Foundation. The lucky girl for this prize was Mollie SEAWARD and the lucky boy was Bradley GOSINE.

In such community events we get to see why Bell Islanders are considered truly sincere and thoughtful citizens. In one incident I

witnessed a family present a bike they had won to another child because the bike was better suited to her. I would mention names but I know the West Mines business owner is too modest for praise. Also, the kids were so grateful for winning a prize, it makes you remember why such events are so valuable in our community.

The Rodeo was a huge success and would have been impossible without the following who made this year's Bicycle Rodeo one of the best of all time. I would also like to take this opportunity to personally thank Tom SPRACKLIN for the countless hours he spent helping with the Rodeo and making it the success it was. Tom reported that Home Hardware were especially kind by donating several bikes and giving special pricing on helmets. Tom also praised those he approached to aid in the rodeo were only too glad to give to such a worthwhile cause for the youth of Bell Island. The follows is a list of businesses, groups and individuals that

contributed to Bicycle Rodeo 2004. It is with my deepest apologies that I omit to list a giving party, if I did just let my know and I would be sure and rectify the omission.

HOME HARDWARE -  
RONNY MOORES &  
WADE REARDON  
VOCM CARES  
FOUNDATION - RANDY  
SIMMS  
HOUSE OF STOYLES -  
TOM STOYLES  
FOODLAND - BRUCE  
SKANES  
FOOD TOWN - BILLY &  
GERALDINE CLEMENTS  
GARY HUNT DIST.  
MARTIN HURLEY DIST.  
LINDA'S GRILL - LINDA  
& NORM KING  
J B PUB - JOHN BROWN  
WEST MINES SPORTS  
BAR - DON CRANE  
TINA'S UNISEX - TINA  
MADDIGAN  
JUDY BURT  
PERSONAL TOUCH -  
MARILYN PYNN  
STAN MCDONALD  
JEROME WARREN  
ELAINE DALTON  
KITCHEN'S STORE -  
CAROL & WNS KITCHEN  
WINK'S TAXI  
MY FRIEND'S PLACE -  
CAROL WHALEN &  
DENISE O'BRIEN  
SERVICE STORE - JIM

YICK  
DICK'S - MARY  
DURDLE  
SHIRLEY'S SALON -  
SHIRLEY MURPHY  
FRED NOSEWORTHY  
ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH  
PENDERGAST FUNERAL  
HOME - FRANK  
PENDERGAST  
CRAFTS & DECOR -  
MARG SKEHANS  
STOYLES MEAT  
MARKET - GORD  
STOYLES  
FAMILY DRUG MART -  
PHIL O'KEEFE  
HAMMOND'S  
CONSTRUCTION - BOB  
& EILEEN HAMMOND  
BOB BASHA  
FATHER WAYNE  
DOHEY  
BYRNE'S EASY SAVE -  
GARY BYRNE  
HENRY'S PHOTO -  
HENRY & KAY CRANE  
URBAN FLOORING  
CONTRACTORS LTD.  
KIWANIS CLUB  
BERN & ANNE MARIE  
METCALFE  
CANADIAN TIRE  
ZELLERS  
BILL PETERS  
WABANA BOY'S &  
GIRL'S CLUB YOUTH  
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM  
JOEY SOMERTON  
DENNIS MORGAN  
*Submitted by*  
*Cst. Steven D. BURKE*

***Bell Island RCMP***

***DARE***

My sincere congratulations to the DARE graduates of 2004. This was my first teaching the Drug Abuse Resistance Education on my own and I am extremely proud to say all my students passed. The graduation was held on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004 with 100% attendance from the students and I was overwhelmed from the support of their family and friends.

Each year it costs about a thousand dollars to run the DARE program on Bell Island and without the generosity of many, the program would not exist. Each dollar donated from the following groups were invested into the future of the Bell Island youth in providing them with the tools to keep them drug free. I would like to give sincere thanks to:

- VOCM Cares Foundation
- Bell Island Alternative Measures Committee
- Father Wayne Dohey of the Roman Catholic Church
- Knights of Columbus

- Kiwanis

I also would like to mention the volunteers who help with the program and graduation. To have people approach you and ask what they can do to help, what can I say these are truly special people and I don't know where Bell Island would be without them.

- Josephine LEWIS
- Bern TAPLIN
- Karen SEAWARD
- Ashley CURNEW
- Kevin GEORGE

Special thanks to teachers Mrs. O'Keefe and Mrs. Yetman for all your help and support. It's nice to know we still have teachers who can teach with compassion and heart. And this is very evident by the way you interact with your students. They feel you not only care about their education but also for their well-being. It takes very special teachers to both educate and make a difference.

I would also like to thank the following guest speakers at the DARE Graduation:

- Father Wayne Dohey
- Principle Merrill Hodgnott

- Cpl. Boyd MERRILL

Thank you to DARE mentors: Ashley CURNEW and Kevin GEORGE  
**Cst. Dan Bennett**

***News from the Town of Wabana by Peter Kent***

**Public Notice For Wellhead Protection of Public Water Supply**

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that the area around our pumping stations is protected under section 39 (1) of the Water Resources Act SNL 2002c W4.01, as a source of public water supply for the Town of Wabana.

As of July 7, 2003, it is an offence to undertake any development or activity in this area without the prior written authorization from the Minister of Environment.

New signs have been erected on our pumping stations.

Residents are advised that the boil order for our town is still in effect. Chlorine has now been added to all of our pumping stations and the contractor engaged to

install those systems will soon have his work completed. This is long overdue for completion. Notices will be posted when this upgrading and chlorination is completed. Council wishes to thank all its residents for their patience and understanding during this long process.

**Clean up And Car Wreck Removal**

Many areas of town have been cleaned up and car wrecks removed from properties. Residents are advised that vehicle wrecks are not permitted on properties and the Dept. of Environment has legislation to impose fines on owners of wrecks on their properties.

Some persons have been bringing waste from septic tanks to our dump site and around other areas of town. The provincial department of Environment does not permit this. Persons wishing to have their septic tanks cleaned out have to contact the companies in St. John's who carry out this type of business.

**Bell Island Day**

This year Bell Island Day is July 18th. Persons or organizations wishing to have a booth for Bell Island Day are asked to contact the council office at 488-2990 or 488-2025. All residents are encouraged to come and take part and support all the different groups and organizations in their events and activities.

***From the Manager of Ferry Services***

Due to the strike, the Commuter Passes got used up for those infamous access passes to the ferry. They had to be renewed.

This is at last completed and therefore we can proceed with the Commuter Applications and provide the new colour passes.

With apologies for the delay and any inconvenience or confusion this whole period of time caused, please send in your applications into the ticket office on the Portugal Cove side.

We will process them as soon as possible.

Also the advanced tickets are available again, or will be by the time you read this.

Another item that has also been renewed is the windshield display pocket (self adhesive) so that the new colour pass can be displayed.

The new colour will be considered to be in force on July 19th (Monday). This colour will remain in force until the end of the month of September.

Kindly ensure that as much information as the application form requires, is filled out to avoid delays or confusion. With thanks for your patience.

***Ben Hammett***

***From Dr. Walter Templeman Health Centre***

***Nurses' Week***

Nurse's week was May 10th-16th. There were various celebrations throughout the Health Care Corporation.

In 1887 nurses were to ensure proper lighting to observe their patients by filling kerosene lamps daily, clean chimney's, and trim wicks. Nurse's duties have certainly changed (Thank-God). They have become one of the strongest

groups in advocating health, and development of Provincial and National Health Policies.

We hope that Health Centre and Community health nurses enjoyed their week and know how valued they are.

Statistics show that Healthcare staff working in Hospitals, the Community, Health Centres, Nursing homes and ambulance personnel are at higher risks for abuse, threats or assaults.

All staff in the above categories will have a 39% chance of being abused during their working life, 70% of Doctor's, 63% of nurses and 69% of ambulance workers will be abused, threatened or assaulted. Considering these are helping professions, the numbers are staggering and have increased significantly in the past 5 years.

The Dr. Walter Templeman Health Centre has also seen a recent increase in abuse and aggressive behaviour towards staff. Recent episodes of verbal

aggression in our Outpatient area are of particular concern. We trust that you would like to assist in preventing such events and we ask for your co-operation during your visit at the Health Centre.

***Pharmacy Loans***

At times especially during the night we give medication such as inhalers on loan until morning. After filling your prescription the next day, please return the borrowed medication in order that we can continue with the borrowing policy.

***Blue No Smoking Line***

Last summer the St. John's Health Care Corporation placed a blue no smoking line in front of our Health Centre. This line has contributed to a cleaner environment around the Health Centre entrance and hopefully assisted in helping people kill the habit. Thanks for your co-operation.

***Cafeteria***

It has been noted that the Health Centre's cafeteria is under utilized by Island residents. While waiting for your clinic appointments why not enjoy a cup of tea, coffee, juice or milk for a

small fee. You may also obtain a glass of water from our water cooler free of charge. This cafeteria is also for your use.

***New Lab Chair***

We have a new "Blood taking chair". Some have said it is like a high chair for babies and I guess it might feel really high. This new height is due to occupational health standards, so Lab personnel who are required to take so much blood do not develop back problems over time. Hope you can get use to the height.

***Thanks to Volunteer Fireman***

**DID YOU KNOW?**

At times both ambulances have to go to St. John's or one ambulance is being serviced while the other is in St. John's. During these times the Wabana Volunteer Fire Department puts their Emergency Response Vehicle on call for medical emergencies. When the Health Centre receives a call for medical emergency we obtain the Fire Department's assistance. Recently, several firemen and a LPN from the Centre responded

to a medical emergency retrieving a patient from the community who needed much medical attention. Thanks to the response time and assistance from the firemen there was a positive outcome. Thanks to the firemen on behalf of the Island residents and we look forward to this continued working relationship in providing emergency care to Island residents.

***Unexpected Delivery***

Every time we think that there will be no more babies born at the Health Centre along comes another unexpected delivery. This causes much excitement and staff were elated to here the cry of Kailey Jessica Reid, who was born to Mr. & Mrs. Ron Reid Jr. on May 3rd, 2004. Best wishes from Dr. Alexia Laurie, Dr. Walter Tucker, staff and residents.

***Question***

For a period of two years Miners gave a payroll deduction to assist with funding of the new hospital. How much did each miner contribute each payday?

***Answer to Previous Question***

The first baby born at the Dr. Walter Templeman Hospital was born to Mr. & Mrs. Fred French on February 8th, 1965.

***Physician Tip***

Summer time is a time for warm outdoor fun and little clothing as possible.

You can enjoy the sun but protect yourself from burning and exposure to UVA and UVB ultraviolet sunrays.

**REMEMBER:**

Reduce exposure to sun between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Seek shade or create shade at peak sun periods 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Cover arms and legs with loose light weight clothes

Wear a hat.

Use sunscreen with a SPF # 15 or higher.

Keep babies under one year out of direct sun.

***From Your Bakery And Co-op***

Our “Breakfast Program” began on Saturday, June 19th and we look forward to seeing our residents and visitors enjoying our delicious breakfast on Saturday mornings! All income from this project will go towards our new “Air Conditioner” which was very badly needed for the bakery. Now Elaine and Georgina won’t melt away should we get some hot days this summer!

Last year, your support allowed us to replace the windows in the bakery and we couldn’t have done it without you! We still have a long list of refurbishments that need to be done on our aging co-op building and with this community behind us we’ll get it done!

Watch for other projects over the summer as we raise \$2,000 for our air conditioner and begin on that ever growing list. We need items for an upcoming “garage sale” so take a look around your home and see what you can donate to our cause.

Share our community pride and keep two great employees working to put out those delicious

products! You’re keeping two jobs on Bell Island and keeping your Bakery an active part of this community!

We’ll be hiring at least 2 young people this summer to help out in the bakery and deli. We hope they’ll enjoy their time with us and I’m sure you’ll all meet them as you patronize the bakery and the “Breakfast Program” over the summer.

Thank you for past support – and we’ll see you at the Bakery over the summer as you enjoy a great breakfast every Saturday morning, and our great baked products which are always

available when we're open for business.

***Kay Coxworthy***

***Secretary***

***Bell Island Community***

***Development Cooperative***

***From the Desk of Capt. Bill Jackman of 2410 Army Cadets***

With the exception of Cadets Caring for Canada, July 1<sup>st</sup> Parade and Summer Camp for the cadets, the regular Sunday parade for cadets is over until approximately September 12<sup>th</sup> of 2004. It has been a challenging and successful year for 2410. For the first time in as long as I can remember all cadets who chose to write the National Star Cadet Exam passed the exam. This is no small accomplishment.

Congratulations are in order to CWO Wendy Helpert, MWO Crystal Sheppard, WO Brian Helpert and Sgt. Nicole Smith. When you write and pass this exam, you are eligible to travel anywhere cadets have a summer camp, such as England, Germany, Scotland, etc. It also enables you to find summer work, with cadets.

We held our final parade on June 6<sup>th</sup>, with a good turnout from parents and friends. Awards were presented to RSM Wendy Helpert, MWO Crystal Sheppard, WO Brian Helpert, Sgt. Nicole Smith, Sgt. Nicole Butler, Sgt. Brian Jackman, Sgt. Joey Kent, M/Cpl. Ashley Jackman, M/Cpl. Cassandra Fleming Crosbie, M/Cpl. Amanda Noseworthy, M/Cpl. Heather Benoit and M/Cpl. Megan Benoit .

Green Star certificates were presented to Jeff Cummings, JJ Cummings, Michelle Barnes, Caroline Meadus, Nicole Rees Decker and Victoria Sheppard.

Long Service Awards were presented to Capt. Wayne Fitzgerald, Capt. Sandy Crosbie, Capt. Bonnie Lewis, Capt. Denita Hammond and myself. These awards were presented to show how much the hard work of these officers meant to the cadets. They work very hard for the Cadets of 2410, with their reward being the joy of seeing the youth of Bell Island do well.

An appreciation award was

presented to Mr. Tom Spracklin, an amazing hard working individual. A special thanks also should go to Mrs. Carol Butler and Mrs. Mary Bennett, presidents of the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary, last year and this year, who with the help of the other members of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary made a generous donation to 2410 Cadets. At the end of the final parade, announcements were made as to who was going to summer camp. I am very pleased to say that positions were obtained for all cadets who were eligible and wanted to go to summer camp. The cadets did not always get what they applied for, however, positions were found for all who wanted to attend.

Last year, cadets from 2410 travelled to Thunder Bay, Ontario to visit a cadet corps at that point. This year Cadets from British Columbia visited Bell Island for an exchange. They were here for 4 days. This time was filled with tours on Bell Island and in St. John's, along with traditional Newfoundland dishes,

such as jigs dinner( it was delicious Frank and workers). A wonderful time was had by the youth & officers from BC, as well as the youth & officers of Bell Island.

The parents committee, part sponsor, along with the Royal Canadian Legion, will be holding a meeting in October of this year to try and recruit new members for the committee. The only cost of being a member of the committee is your time and willingness to work hard for the cadets of 2410.

Cadets is a very worthwhile organization, it gives youths between the ages of 12 and 18 something to look forward to. When you become a cadet you can look forward to travel and meeting new friends, some of whom you keep for life. Cadets with 2410 have travelled all across Canada, as well as training in other countries, such as, Germany, England, etc. Cadets helps you mature and become all that you can be as a youth and in the future as an adult.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks and sincere appreciation to those who

have supported us through the years. Without the support of the parents, guardians, businesses, individuals and most especially the cadets, 2410 RCACC would not be the success that it is. You should be aware of how much your time and effort has meant to 2410 Bell Island.

***Bell Island Brighter Futures Family Resource Centre***

Family Fun Walk - The St. John's Rotary Club has offered to fund-raise for St. John's Brighter Futures Coalition to purchase a van to assist in the transportation of families to and from programs. On behalf of all participants of Brighter Futures I would like to thank each family who took part in this fundraiser and I sincerely thank all those people who made pledges to this cause. All funds have been successfully collected and turned in to the Rotary Club.

Summer Schedule - programs will still be offered on Wednesday and Friday each week but the

time has changed to 10:30am to 12:30pm. Please feel free to drop by during these times and take part in our many activities planned for the summer months.

Rummage Sale - once again we are planning to hold a Christmas sale, therefore, we need items. If you have items (except clothing) no longer of any use to you please donate them to our sale. Call the Centre and arrangements can be made to pick them up or just drop them off at the Centre when you are in the area from Monday to Friday.

Chocolate Bar Fundraiser - I would like to thank all those who sold bars on our behalf also thank those who purchase them. These funds will assist in special events and outings that are held for families and children.

Summer Employment - I would like to thank all those who applied for a position and/or were interviewed at the Centre. Two positions were offered and both have been successfully filled.

Information - if you would like to have more information about the Centre or the programs we offer please feel free to phone or drop by and staff will gladly assist you.

To all residents of the Island please have a very safe and healthy summer - remember children are our future so invest time today.

**Hollie Neary**  
**Program Coordinator**  
**488-2699**

**PHILIPPINES**  
**CO-OPERATIVES – A**  
**SYMBOL OF HOPE**

This is an article I wrote re my trip to the Philippines. It was written for The Atlantic Co-operator, a regional co-op newspaper.

Four Philippino people will be coming to NL in the fall and will be spending a day and night on Bell Island.

**By Kenneth Kavanagh**

From January 17th to February 1st, 2004 I was part of a delegation of four people to visit the Philippines. This visit was part of the Canadian Co-operative Association's (CCA) Co-operative Connections Program. There is already several Co-op

connections between Canada and the Philippines and partners on both sides have benefited. In this instance, there is an attempt to establish a partnership between two central organizations, namely the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Co-operatives (NLFC) and VICTO in the Visayas region of the Philippines. I was able to participate in this program as a board member of the NLFC.

As expected, the most significant experience was the witness to the structural poverty experienced by the Philippine people. By their own standard, a little more than one third of the population lives below the poverty line but I suspect that statistic to be much higher. Throughout my extensive travel, I was always struck by the stark contrast between the many signs of poverty on the one hand and the lush, beautiful country as well as the generously warm, friendly people on the other hand. Witnessing such widespread poverty cannot help but elicit some fundamental and penetrating questions as well as cause a consequent

paradigm shift in how one views the world. Having had a similar experience in Belize, CA in the mid 80's, my previous paradigm shift was powerfully reaffirmed!

The co-operative sector in the Philippines is somewhat different than here in Canada. A major difference is no separation of the financial and non-financial sectors! Many of the co-operatives I visited began as savings and credit but gradually spawned other activities such as marketing, housing, consumer, and so on. Others evolved in reverse order, starting a particular business venture and moving into savings and credit. In fact, most are referred to as Multi-purpose Co-operatives to reflect their wide variety of business activity.

What I found most inspiring was their unique commitment to co-operative education that begins prior to membership! Prospective members must participate in a pre-membership seminar as condition of membership. Once they

become a member, there are periodic and continuing education seminars usually held on Saturdays. In one case, I saw a group of 20-25 women and children cram into the corner of a small credit and savings co-op and intently listen while a manager instructed them on some issue. Whereas far too many Canadian co-operatives tend to pay "lip service" to co-operative education, Philippine co-operatives actually carry out education. It is clearly an area where we can learn from them.

Co-operatives are held in very high regard in the Philippines. In many cases, the process to form a co-operative was instigated by a parish priest. In almost all cases, the co-operative was started to address the extreme poverty of the people. Consequently, when they form a co-operative, they do so with care and deliberation and then they believe in and support them. In the Canadian experience or, at least the Newfoundland and Labrador experience, establishing a co-operative as a tool for economic development, too often, is an option of last resort. For many

disenfranchised people of the Philippines, co-operatives are an option of only resort. Once again, Canadian cooperators can be inspired by and learn from the strong commitment of the Philippine people to their co-operatives. It is worth noting that the national government also has a respected regard for the value of co-operatives. Not only does it exempt co-operatives from corporate taxes but also uses the co-operative sector to sell its health care insurance program.

Near the end of the trip, I visited Lemac Multi-Purpose Co-operative which already has a partnership established with Capital Credit Union in New Brunswick. It took a two and one half hour drive on a mountainous and somewhat treacherous road to reach the beautiful Shangri-la like community of Lemac. Upon arriving, co-operative leaders led our delegation to a large church where several hundred local residents had gathered. We were greeted with cheers and singing and made to feel most welcome. At one point during the welcoming

addresses, the local parish priest stated, "Canada and Canadian co-operatives were a gift by God to the Philippines people." It was clearly the most inspiring and emotional experience of the entire trip. I felt so very proud to be both a Canadian and a co-operator!

For the warm, grateful and humble people of the Philippines, co-operatives are a concrete symbol of hope. For them, the co-operative model offers a chance to overcome poverty and build healthy communities. I, for one, wish the Philippine people success in their quest and I sincerely thank the Canadian co-operative community for their support of the CCA's international development program. I can assure you that your support is both beneficial and appreciated. Salamat!

***2004 Special Olympics Summer Games, Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador***

Some of the most wonderful people I have ever met in my life are the athletes for the Special

Olympics. When the opportunity to coach track and field for the St. John's team arose, I jumped at the chance. The weekend of June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004, I went to Gander for the 2004 Special Olympic Summer Games, and learned so much more than I anticipated.

The athletes had a wonderful time, made new friends, and all came home with medals to show for their efforts. As the RCMP summer student for Avalon East District, B Division, I was proud to attend representing the RCMP, and give the athletes a bag of surprises donated by the Bell Island detachment. The athletes were excited to receive treats from the RCMP, and were thrilled that one of their coaches "knew the police."

For the Special Olympic athletes, winning is not the ultimate goal when they participate in the games. Instead they focus on doing their best, cheering on their teammates and having fun. They all participated equally well, worked very hard, and proved to be very brave. During the opening ceremonies each team cheered on the other teams

as if it was their own, and Sunday morning they left for home with faces glowing with pride and happiness.

As we were leaving I asked one young athlete how many medals had he won. He responded, "Three, and I have 100 new friends." Undoubtedly there are more important things than coming in first.

***Angel Compton***  
***RCMP Summer Student***  
***Avalon East District***  
***B Division***

***Message from The***  
***Anglican Parish of Bell***  
***Island***

Flowers are the smiles of God's goodness.

**(William Wilberforce)**

Spring is in the air! We all anticipate summer, with blue skies, beautiful flowers, and warmer temperatures. And, as we anticipate summer, many people will be looking forward to some summer relaxation; plans to visit with relatives and friends or looking forward to loved ones who plan to visit them. I do hope that the people of the Island will be blessed with these reunions and that

those who travel will be blessed with safety and protection.

Last summer, Joan and I took two of our friends to Bell Island to do the Mine Tour with us. We were wonderfully impressed! Our Tour Guide was marvellous, and she helped us to feel as though we had stepped back in time to experience just a little bit of the life and times of miners and their families. The Mine, the Town, and its history represents a wonderful chapter in Newfoundland history to be cherished and promoted. If anyone reading this has not done the Mine Tour, I would highly recommend it.

As I write this, I was invited to an ecumenical service with regards to the closing of The Immaculate Conception School. There is, of course, sadness and a sense of loss when a school is closed. A School, is more than a building, it represents a vital part of community life and its heritage; so it is expected that there would be some grief experienced. However, let us mark this occasion with thankfulness

and gratitude for all the learning and development, the good, the fellowship, the friendships, that has been so much a part of this school and community life for so long.

In the last week of July we will begin our "Flower Services." I have been told that many people come home for this occasion. This sense of "coming home" is very much a part of Newfoundland culture and it seems to especially be a part of the culture of Bell Island. It will be, for sure, a great time for family reunions; time for remembering, with love and devotion, loved ones who have died as well as time to recall "precious memories" of being both family and a part of community. As Christian people, we also have a deep sense of "going home", to the place...the home... that our Lord has prepared for us. Therefore, as we gather together on this occasion may it be an expression of our faith and our hope in God; and I do pray that it will also be a time when we can have our faith both strengthened and renewed.

These Flower Services are scheduled to be held as

follows:

***July 25, at St. Boniface Cemetery.....2:30pm.***

***at St. Mary's (Old Cemetery).....4:00pm.***

***August 1, at St. Cyprian's Cemetery..... 2:00pm***

***at St. Mary's (New Cemetery)....4:00pm.***

May I take this opportunity to ask people for help, and to offer encouragement, by asking them to begin the process of attending to family burial plots, to do any repair work or cleaning up that needs to be done, to make our cemeteries presentable for this occasion of remembrance, thanksgiving, and worship. Thank you.

I am a lover of scenery, and I have been savouring some of the lovely sights from Bell Island, especially now as the greenery comes to life and flowers are budding and blooming all around. I have admired the rolling landscape around Lance Cove, the calm on the Tickle, and the sights of the evening lights all around the Bay. I have been told that the name "Wabana" means "first light." It is a

beautiful name for a community. One evening, recently, I was observing a sunset over Bell Island, but I was observing it from across the Tickle. Nonetheless, it was a marvellous sight, as the sun's descending rays held all the same glory as at its rising.

These are some words from Charles Dickens to describe a sunset in July:

*The long lines of red and gold in the sky, and the glorious track of the descending sun, were all divinely calm. Upon the purple tree tops far away, and on the green heights near at hand up which shades were slowly creeping, there was an equal hush. Between the real landscape and its shadow in the water there was no division, both were so untroubled and clear, and while so fraught with solemn mystery of life and death, so hopefully reassuring to the gazer's soothed heart, because so tenderly and mercifully beautiful.*

Enjoy your summer. Smile when you see a lovely flower in bloom and greet

it as "a smile of God's goodness!" And give the gift of a smile to all you greet for, like a flower, you may bring the smile of God into someone's day. God bless you, Bell Islanders.

**Submitted by: Rev. Russell Osmond**

***St. Michael's Youth Choir***

What started out as a small venture turned into a huge success.

It was only possible with the help and dedication of two individuals Roseanne Grant and Bonnie Lewis-Hammond. A great big thank you to Roseanne and Bonnie for volunteering their time and talent. It was very refreshing to hear the new voices of the Youth Choir.

Because of its success, the Youth Choir will be starting again in the later part of September and youth who are interested in becoming a member of the choir may contact Roseanne at 488-2110 or Bonnie at 488-2424.

***Submission from Cst. Colleen Donovan***

On May 27, 2004, the Church Lads Brigade held

it's annual inspection and dinner. I was invited as a representative of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. I can't tell you how impressed I was with the annual inspection. Even more so when I discovered that this was the first year the CLB had been together in three years. The number of young people that had joined the CLB was quite impressive and the skills, especially drill, they demonstrated, spoke volumes about how much effort they put into their participation in this organization over the past year. I have always been a strong supporter of organizations that teach a wide variety of skills that instill as sense of pride in the participant and respect for self and others. I look forward to next years inspection and hope to see an even greater number of participants.

On May 29, 2004, myself and Constable Stephane Remillard attended the annual awards ceremony at the Wabana Boys and Girls Club. We were invited to participate in two awards presentations. I was again surprised and impressed by the number of youth,

parents and public officials that attended this event. I have been in quite a few boys and girls clubs over the years but have never seen a club that is so well attended. This club is obviously well appreciated and supported on this island and not taken for granted.

***Court News***

On 2004-05-25, a 43 year old male from West Mines, plead not guilty to one charge of Driving While Disqualified and one charge of Breach of Probation for a December 18, 2003 incident. The trial is now set for October 7, 2004.

On 2004-05-26, a 23 year old male from the East End, plead guilty to one charge of Property Damage Under \$5000 for damaging a taxi cab outside of the Curling Club on Valentine's Day of this year. He received a conditional discharge, one year probation and was ordered to pay restitution to the property owner for damage.

On 2004-05-27, an 18 year old male, from the East

End, that had gone to trial earlier in the month for one charge of Sexual Interference for touching a person under the age of 14 years for a sexual purpose, from an incident in the spring of 2003, had the charge dismissed by the trial judge.

On 2004-05-28, an 18 year old male, from the East End, charged with Break and Enter and Property Damage Under \$5000, for an incident in August, 2003 at St. Boniface School, plead guilty to Property Damage Under \$5000 and received a \$20 fine.

On 2004-05-31, an 18 year old male, from the East End, plead guilty to two charges of Assault, one charge of Uttering Threats and two charges of Breach of an Undertaking, from a 2003 incident on Town Square, received one year probation.

On 2004-05-31, a 22 year old female, from the Ridge, was charged with Assault, Uttering Threats and two charges of Breach of Probation from two incidents on The Ridge on 2004-05-07 and 2004-05-09. Her first court appearance is 2004-07-06.

On 2004-05-31, a 21 year old male and a 26 year old male, both from St. John's, were both charged with Breach of Probation from a 2004-05-09 incident on The Ridge. Their first court appearance is 2004-07-07.

On 2004-06-14, a 47 year old male from West Mines, was charged with Assault from a 2004-06-11 incident on the Ridge that resulted in a 45 year old female seeking treatment at the local hospital his first appearance in court will be June 22, 2004.

An 18 year old Bell Island male attended court on May 26th, 2004 in relation to a charge of Mischief at St. Michael's High in April, 2004. The male is due back in court on July 8th, 2004 for facts and sentencing.

A 49 year old Bell Island that was charged with Assault back in April 2004 is returning to court on July 9th, 2004 to enter a plea.

The 42 year old Bell Island male who attended court on June 18th, 2004 for an Impaired Driving charge has to return to court on July 15th, 2004 to set a date for trial.

### ***Have Your Say!***

We had a suggestion from one of our readers that perhaps we could consider offering readers an opportunity to send feedback, emails, or suggestions about various topics related to Bell Island and it's people. And selected ones could be published.

So to get the ball rollin' we have taken suggestions from that same reader.

### **We would love to hear from you on any of the following.....**

possible uses of the Immaculate Conception School which is being closed in July.

Suggestions to promote tourism.

Support and ideas for beautification project of area next to the ferry terminal.

New Lighthouse use and property improvements and cleanup.

All suggestions should be sent to either Cpl. Boyd Merrill or Cst. Colleen

## **The Bell Island Policing Newsletter**

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Donovan. Their contact information is provided in the closing of each newsletter.

### ***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](http://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](mailto:Boyd.E.Merrill@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) or **Cst. Colleen Donovan** at [Colleen.Donovan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Colleen.Donovan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca). We can also be reached at the RCMP Detachment at 116 Memorial Street.  
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