



Bell Island Community Policing Newsletter

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From the Corporal’s Desk

Happy New Year! Heard that lately? Sure you have and we sincerely wish it is a Happy Year! Heaven knows we deserve it.

Did you ever notice the same thing happens every January? The bills from Christmas arrive. School starts again. Bills from the council for taxes arrive. The dog’s tags are due for 2006. Have I got you cheered up yet?

One sure can find things to be unhappy about without looking too hard but isn’t happiness all about attitude? Sure it is.

Bills and routine normal payments are all part of life and not worth getting excited over. But what is?

Well for one thing, we can all be very excited about the future of Newfoundland and Labrador. Unless your head has been in the proverbial sand then you would be aware

that our economy is going full steam ahead.

Just a few years ago we (the province) had a full mortgage, a Visa bill to scare you, no groceries and everyone yelling at each other.

Just a few years later the Visa is paid off, the mortgage isn’t looking too bad, the cupboards have grub and amongst the local coffee shop group there are more optimists than there are pessimists. Sorry Lester!

The world we live in is changing so fast that even NTV can’t report it fast enough or in enough detail. We are on a roll!

I was in Donovan’s Industrial Park the other day. The oil industry is everywhere you look. There are not many vacancies there. Ever checked the housing situation in the city? Apartment vacancies are up because too many people are

getting their own homes. Who would have thought NL’s would ever be able to get out of the rental nightmare a few years ago?

Everywhere you look there are help wanted signs. Now these aren’t all big paying jobs but at least there are signs up. You didn’t see them 5 years ago.

The big payers are around as well. The Internet and newspapers have more job opportunities than we saw a few years ago. This is good! That is why young people get an education...for the big payers. We must be getting tired of educating the Ontario and Alberta work force? Let’s educate our youth to stay here and show them the opportunity.

I have also noticed a big change in the state of homes and businesses on the Island and abroad.

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(From the Corporal's Desk continued...)

Whoever invented vinyl siding is cleaning 'er lately and boy does the place look nice! The paint is being applied, the old cars are being dumped and the attitudes are lifting because of the cleaner environment. Good stuff!

New Years is for a lot of things. Most people say "there is no sense getting older unless you are getting smarter", so the New Year is a good time to prove them right I say.

I take all the things I have learned from the past and apply same. I quit hoarding junk,

saving old bills from 1980's, throwing out the piece of 4 foot corner moulding I kept just in case, and generally smartened up from previous years. That is what I like best about New Years is that we can all be better than before....if we apply ourselves.

I know we can find bad if we look. The reason is only because we got so much that is good to compare it to. We have all become spoiled. We are all too geared towards immediate gratification. We look to the lives of our grandfathers with admiration but still

complain when we have to get off the couch to shovel. We could use the New Year to change ourselves as well.

We must remember that there is only one person in this world more important than you...and that is your neighbour. Let's keep building a better Bell Island and have a wonderful time doing it.

Happy New Year from all of us at your detachment of the RCMP.

Cpl. Boyd Merrill
Bell Island RCMP




'Twas the month after Christmas,
When all through the house,
Nothing would fit me,
Not even a blouse!
The cookies I'd nibbled,
The eggnog I'd taste...
At the holiday parties,
Had gone to my waist!
I remember the marvelous meals
all prepared:
The gravies and sauces,
The turkey roasted with care.
The wine and the rum balls,
The bread and the cheese,
And the way I NEVER said,
"No, thank you, please."
As I dressed myself in my
husband's old shirt,
And prepared once again to do
battle with dirt,
I said to myself (as only I can),
"You can't spend a winter
disguised as a MAN!"



So---away with the last of the sour
cream dip,
Get rid of the fruitcake, every
cracker and chip!
Every last bit of food that I like
must be banished,
'Til all of the additional "ounces"
have vanished!
I won't have a cookie,
Not even a lick!
I'll want only to chew,
On a celery stick!
I won't have hot biscuits,
Or corn bread or pie,
I'll munch on a carrot,
And quietly sigh.
I'm hungry...I'm lonesome...and
life is a bore!
But isn't that what January is for?
The end of guilt free eating,
Lose weight, yes I'll try it!
**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL,
AND TO ALL A GOOD DIET!**

Greetings of the Season From St. Michael's Parish



"May we continue to work together in a spirit of care and compassion as we begin the New Year 2006 and help be a living sign of Christ for each other."

The joyful celebration of Christmas echoes the ancient message that; "A Saviour is born, He is Christ The Lord". May the birth of Christ be a reawakening for all of us to renew our commitment to the Lord and be His people of Peace and Good Will in our world. On behalf of our Parish Pastoral Council, I extend to you and your family every blessing of Peace, Joy and Love during the Christmas season and throughout the New Year 2006.

We extend a warm welcome home to family and friends who have returned for the Christmas Season and we pray it will be a blessing for you and your family.

We have much to be thankful for despite the obstacles of daily life and therefore we ought to be constantly thanking God for the blessings we have received. I wish to reiterate the message of Corporal

Merrill in last months issue of the newsletter when he encouraged all of us to be faithful to our God and be faithful in passing on the faith to our children as we practice our faith and allow the presence of the church to be strong and vibrant in our community.

As we complete the year 2005, I wish to thank all of you for your faithful service to our town and to our respective churches. To all who minister or share in the many services and celebrations of our parish, I wish to thank you kindly for your constant support, encouragement and participation.

May we continue to work together in a spirit of care and compassion as we begin the New Year 2006 and help to be a living sign of Christ for each other. May the peace of Christ which is beyond all understanding keep your

minds and hearts in the knowledge of God and of His Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, I offer you a Prayer of Thanksgiving you may pray when you share a meal alone or with others:

Lord, help us to be Thankful:
For Food: In a world where many walk in hunger.
For Faith: In a world where many walk in fear.
For Friends: In a world where many walk alone.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Father Wayne Dohey
St. Michael's Parish**

REMEMBERING THE PAST – SUPPORTING THE FUTURE

As surely as day follows night, each year in December we gather to salute the graduates of our community high school – the young men and women who are entering the first phase of their future. With them go the hopes and dreams of parents, teachers, friends and the people of Bell Island, the community they will always call “home” no matter where life takes them.

More than twenty young 2005 graduates of St. Michael's marched into the school gym on December 21st to

receive their diplomas and to accept various scholarships for academic achievement, the newest of which was presented to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of a Brewery & Bottling Plant on the Green.

The annual “Pierre Coxworthy Memorial Scholarship” was established on this anniversary to celebrate the memory of a man who had fought in many of the great battles of the First World War, an avid sportsman, businessman and father

of ten who are now scattered from sea to shining sea! A survivor of Beaumont Hamel, he spoke little of that war, but left us a treasure trove of letters he had written to his mother back home in St. John's from those battlefields, giving us a unique look at the war and the young men of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, many of whom gave their lives for the cause of freedom.

The first annual “Pierre Coxworthy Memorial Scholarship” presented to Jordan Shea,



remembers a Bell Island businessman – and a father whose memory lives in his children and their families. May it serve to encourage Jordan and all graduates of St. Michael's High to continue to strive for excellence in their education and their lives. Congratulations Jordan!

**Submitted by
Ed Coxworthy**

Attention Dog Owners

We haven't had an update on this particular issue for almost two years now. The last story was in the summer of 2004 if I remember correctly and it basically was a reminder to get your tag, etc. for each animal you own.

The reason we waited until now is that the tags run for a full year and it would only make sense to send a reminder to cover the year so here goes:

Effective January 1st, 2006 the new tags for dogs are available for the year.

The RCMP reminds residents of the entire Island that all dogs must be tethered or tied at all times and registered according to the provincial legislation, being the Dog Act. Anyone found not having tags for their dogs after the end of January, will be fined, no exceptions.



A joint patrol between the RCMP and the dogcatcher in early February will occur so don't delay please.

Thanks for your cooperation. Note: if you are in possession of an animal that you are finding difficult to care for, please call us so we can take steps to find a new home.

**Cpl. Boyd Merrill
Bell Island RCMP**

From the Desk of Capt. Sandy Crosbie

2410 RCACC



Season's Greetings.

As 2005 comes to a close, I look back with fond memories and look forward in anticipation of the good things to come in 2006.

Each year cadets who are doing Level III (Grade 12) are eligible for a \$1,000 Scholarship if they are going on to further their education. This year we had two cadets apply and meet the eligibility rules. A panel of three judges who found it very difficult to differentiate between the two applicants interviewed them. They were equal in just about all areas. However, after much thinking they decided to give the Cadet Scholarship to RSM Wendy Helpert.

After this decision was made, Dr. Alexa Laurie, who is the chairperson of the Parents Committee, as well as being one of the interviewers decided to put up another \$1,000. Scholarship personally. This scholarship was presented to the other applicant, DSM Crystal Sheppard. Both students were going on to further their education and were considered very deserving of these awards.

Cadets took a break over the Christmas Holidays, or a break in our terms, but not in those of others. The cadets had a float in the Kiwanis Annual Santa Clause Parade held on December 4th.. They did a

wonderful job on decorating the float and had no problem devouring the pizza provided to the decorators afterwards.

10 cadets took part in the Band Seminar held on Sunday December 11th in St. John's. They enjoyed the seminar learning new music and interacting with the other Corps around the area.

The cadets of 2410 always do the cadet movement proud. You never let us down when it counts!

Our visit from the ACO's office went very well, Sgt. Dave Moore came over on Dec. 14th. He seemed to be pleased with the work the cadets and officers of 2410 were doing.

Our marksmanship program continues to be a hit with the cadets. A good number of cadets show up on Tuesday afternoons to participate. This will help improve their skills for the competition coming up in February of 2006.

On December 23rd, we held a tag day with the cadets doing a door to door canvas and a canvas at the local Foodland. Thank you to those who donated, as well as thank you to Ms. Margie Wilcox, Owner/Operator of the Foodland, who so generously allowed the cadets to do a

Tag from her store.

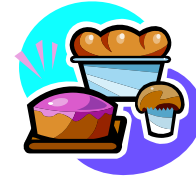
We held a skating party on Christmas Eve, Dec 24th. Thank you to the Arena Manager, Mr. Todd Gillingham, and the Town for allowing us to utilize their facilities. Thank you to Mr. Paul Martin for being there and helping supervise, you are truly a devoted employee of the arena.

We will be starting cadets again on Wednesday, January the 11th, 2006 at the usual time. Should there be any change, listen for a school announcement (I know, I know you're on holidays, but you will be back in school before the announcement will be made.)

I hope that you have had a good Christmas and I look forward to you having a Healthy, Wealthy and Wise New Year!

To those who are walking, wear bright or reflective clothing. To those who are driving, have a designated driver or remember a taxi costs very little compared to a life.

Capt. Sandy Crosbie
2410 RCACC Bell Island



FROM YOUR COMMUNITY CO-OP

“Mother Was There”

Through all the years of our growing up, and even now when those girls and boys of yesteryear are parents and grandparents, the one constant in our lives was the mothers of our youth - who kissed the small hurts away, covered up for us when trouble was brewing, and cooked some of the best meals on the island – or the planet! Even today, I'll bet that the smell of home-made bread brings back images of Mom taking golden brown loaves from the oven of the old woodstove, with one eye on the “toutins” sizzling away in the iron frying pan, while a pot of soup bubbled away at the back of the stove, and cookies cooled just waiting for the kids to rush home from school and her man from the mines.

Your Co-op will try to recapture some of the magic of those days on Bell Island with its cookbook *“Mother Was There”* which will be launched at the Bakery in time for Mother's

Day 2006. It's a major fundraiser for the Co-op and we're inviting readers of the “RCMP Newsletter” to submit recipes remembered from their own childhood, and those that are family favorites today. The absolute deadline day to submit recipes is **January 27th**, after which we'll be finalizing the book for submission to the publishers.

We're also seeking the support of residents, the business community and former Bell Islanders who would like to *dedicate a page in our cookbook to their own mother, or parents.*

The fee to sponsor a page is \$20.00, and donations are welcome! Just make your cheque payable to *“The Bell Island Co-op”* and either drop it at the bakery on the island or mail it to us at *P.O. Box 969, Bell Island, NL A0A 4H0*. Include the name of the person(s) you are remembering. This

must reach us by **January 27th** in order to be included.

All funds from this sponsorship will go towards the cost of publishing the cookbook, which will include poems and short stories in addition to hundreds of great recipes. Any questions – call Kay at (709) 488-2271 or email kay.coxworthy@nf.sympatico.ca

Help us make this an exciting souvenir of our youth on Bell Island!

From all of us at YOUR Community Co-op, our sincere best wishes for a happy and healthy 2006 to all who call Bell Island “home” wherever you may be!

Kay Coxworthy,
Secretary
Bell Island Community
Development Co-op

Wabana Town Council News

Happy New Year!!



On behalf of the Mayor, the Councilors, the office staff and all workers, we would like to express our sincere best wishes to the residents of the Town of Wabana for a very happy and prosperous 2006.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Bell Island Detachment of the RCMP for continuing to provide a very important service to the people of this community. This newsletter has become an integral part of the fabric of our community. We would like to wish Colleen Noble our very best wishes as she begins her maternity/parental leave.

Budget 2006

NO NEW TAXES. The Finance Committee presented its recommendations for a balanced budget to the town council meeting on December 15, 2005. The committee recommended that all taxes and fees remain the same as they were in 2005. The recommendation was passed with two changes.

- 1) The Peddler's Permit can only be used at a designated site.
- 2) Car wrecks will be removed by council for a fee of \$25 for the first

removal, \$75 for the second removal and \$100 for subsequent removals

It should be noted that the balanced budget is based on the concept that all residents will pay their taxes in a timely fashion. The Tax Schedule for 2006 will be posted on the council webpage and will be included in this newsletter.

Residents are reminded that all taxes are due by March 31, 2006. Residents who are in arrears for 2005 taxes should make arrangements with the Town Clerk to pay off back taxes as soon as possible. In order to provide the services, we have to collect the taxes. The good news for seniors (65+) is that they get a 5% reduction in taxes.

Snow Clearing

All residents are reminded that **Snow Clearing Regulations** are now in force. This means that in the event of snow vehicles should not be parked on town streets. Any parked vehicles that prevent or obstruct snow clearing will be removed and impounded at the owner's expense. We ask for your co-operation in this very important manner.

The Town is now actively looking into plans to buy a new truck which would greatly add to our snow clearing equipment. A resolution was passed at the last council meeting to give the Town Manager the responsibility to go through the proper procedures to make this purchase.

Committees

The following committees will be appointed early in the New Year:

- 1) Finance/Administration
- 2) Human Resources/Labour Relations
- 3) Municipal Works, Services and Planning
- 4) Tourism and Business Development
- 5) Recreation and Special Events

These committees will be made up of Town Councilors and interested citizens. In addition members of council will represent the town on The North East Avalon Joint Councils and The Killick Coast Tourism Association.

Submitted by Councilor Patrick Craig

THIS IS KIWANIS

Recently the Kiwanis Club of Bell Island installed their new officers for the upcoming year. Keith QUIGLEY was named Club President and Boyd MERRILL was named incoming President. Boyd MERRILL also offered to remain as Secretary for 2005/6.

The activities were held at the Masonic Lodge. In attendance were Kiwanis members from all over Newfoundland. There were reps from St. Johns/ CBS/ Clarenville to name a few.

A special presentation was made to "Bucky" HUNT for all his support to the Janeway Campaign via the Kiwanis sales of hot dogs and pop each year at the Foodland. A representative gave him a plaque from the Janeway.

The following day, Lieut. Governor Gary GOSINE hosted a Kiwanis meeting at the Kiwanis Club located at the Trade School Complex. Numerous Kiwanis and their



spouses who were members from outside clubs attended the meeting. A great weekend was had by all. The local club even managed to get a few new members.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Kiwanis please contact any present member or check www.kiwanis.org for details.

Seasons Greetings from Kiwanis!

Words to Live By.....

1. Take into account that great love and great achievements involve great risk.
2. When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
3. Follow the three Rs: Respect for self, respect for others and responsibility for all your actions.
4. Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.
5. Learn the rules so you know how to break them properly.
6. Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
7. When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
8. Spend some time alone every day.
9. Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.
10. Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
11. Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll be able to enjoy it a second time.
12. A loving atmosphere in your home is the foundation for your life.
13. In disagreements with loved ones, deal only with the current situation. Don't bring up the past.
14. Share your knowledge. It's a way to achieve immortality.
15. Be gentle with the earth.
16. Once a year, go some place you've never been before.
17. Remember that the best relationship is one in which your love for each other exceeds your need for each other.
18. Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it.
19. Approach love and cooking with reckless abandon.

The Dalai Lama



Bell Island Food Bank

Season's Greetings from all the workers and helpers, board members and all those who support our community service. We all work together.

As we head into the New Year we ask you to please take care of yourself and each other.

Our warmest wishes!

We would like to announce that Isabel JACKMAN was the winner of our ticket draw for a 20" flat screen TV and DVD player. She also received a copy of the "Trip around Bell Island" DVD. A total prize of about \$500.00.

Congratulations Isabel!

If anyone would like to get a copy of this DVD or make a donation to our FB please call the FB @ 488-2656. We will be having an annual drive for funding coming soon in the spring.

Our FB remains serving hundreds of persons who need a hand. You can help!

**Cpl. Boyd MERRILL -
Chairman
Bell Island Food Bank.**

ACROSS

- 1 Star of "Truman Show"
- 6 Inquire
- 9 Scientist's office
- 12 Play
- 13 Caesar's twelve
- 14 Pub serving
- 15 Singing voice
- 16 Type of partnership
- 17 Scrap
- 18 Opp. of false
- 20 Molten rock
- 22 "Oh ___!" (two wds.)
- 25 Bar
- 26 Pair
- 27 Gets larger
- 29 Not front or back
- 31 Surface to air missile
- 32 Asian country
- 36 Microscopic
- 39 Cunning
- 40 **Star of "Braveheart"**
- 43 Disastrous
- 45 Excite
- 46 Family fight
- 47 Nothing
- 48 Promissory note
- 50 Heathen gods
- 54 Furniture wood
- 55 Opp. of SSW
- 56 Bottoms of shoes
- 57 Spots
- 58 Hair stuff
- 59 Make a present of

DOWN

- 1 Central daylight time
- 2 Is
- 3 Fled
- 4 Display emotions
- 5 Herb
- 6 Shaft
- 7 Perch
- 8 **Cruise's wife**
- 9 One of the Florida Keys
- 10 Remember the ___!
- 11 Started
- 19 At the same time
- 21 Ditto
- 22 Disks
- 23 French "yes"
- 24 Modern
- 25 Jew
- 28 Reservoir
- 30 Compass point
- 33 Chinese seasoning
- 34 Boxer Muhammad
- 35 Big Apple (abbr.)
- 37 Touching with the toe
- 38 **Star of "Top Gun"**
- 40 City
- 41 Book by Homer
- 42 Resists
- 44 Annex (2 wds.)
- 46 Gas
- 49 Less than two
- 51 Aged
- 52 MGM's Lion
- 53 Opp. of 55 Across

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Wabana Boys & Girls Club

"Every Kid Has Potential"

"We have reached a very important milestone in 2005. We have been serving the youth of Bell Island for 50 years and we hope, with your help, that we can continue to offer this service for another 50 years."



First of all, the Board of Directors, Staff, and members would like to wish each and everyone all the best in 2006.

We have reached a very important milestone in 2005. We have been serving the youth of Bell Island for 50 years and we hope, with your help, that we can continue to offer this service for another 50 years. This milestone would not have been accomplished without the many supporters of the Boys & Girls Club. We thank the many organizations who have supported us through the years and we look forward to your continued support.

On Saturday December 3rd, we held our annual breakfast with Santa. The breakfast was a great success and we would like to thank Santa for taking the time out of his busy schedule to drop in for pancakes and toast. Santa also let the children have pictures taken with him.

We would like to remind all our members that memberships have to be renewed, starting on January 2nd. We ask that all members have their new membership by the end of January. The fee will remain the same,

ages 5-13 (\$3.00) and ages 14-18 (\$5.00). Registration for the winter programs will also start on January 3rd. We have programs for all ages. Some of the programs that will be offered are: Soccer, Hockey, Volleyball, Dodge ball, Basketball, and many other low organized games. We ask that the parents encourage their children to participate in the programs for which they sign up. It is very important that they attend their games so the teams will not be short.

Congratulations to Boy (Brandon Sweeney) & Girl (Jessica Rees) of the month for November. Jessica and Brandon have great interest in the programs at the club and are always there to help when needed.

Thank you to the many volunteers who played a major part in our programs the past year. These people are very important and without their dedication, many of these programs would not be possible. We would like to also thank our Youth Volunteers for their time

and efforts in 2005. These members have come a long way and are very helpful in and around the club. They have become great mentors and role models for the younger members. We look forward to seeing you back in 2006. Thank you to Gerald Young for his donation of crafts, it was greatly appreciated and they will be put to good use. For the people who support our Thursday night bingos, our bingos are not cancelled permanently. We will be starting them again in the New Year. They will be held at the club and most likely on Friday nights. For many years our Bingos have been our major fundraiser and need your support to get it back to a profitable project. We ask that you support our bingos and maybe bring a friend.

Once again, happy New Year and best of luck in 2006!

The Lions Club



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Lions Club
Portugal Cove - St. Philip's, NL
13 December 2005 (Dinner Meeting)

The meeting was called to order by King Lion Randy Dicks at 7:05 p.m.

In attendance were K/L Randy, Lions Olive, Gladys, Mary, Bradley (Sect.), Dot, Bert, Boyd, Fred, Roxanne, Josephine, Frank. Also in attendance were DG Sam Wells and Linda Wells, Zone Chairman Job Blackwood, Lions Gary Parsons and Bob Beauchamp of the St. John's Lions Club.

Guests in attendance were Joyce Churchill of the Autism Society, Aubrey Dawe (Principal of Beachy Cove Elementary), Reverends Gary Hussey and Karen Thorne. The Lions Invocation was said by all Lions in attendance. Grace was said by Lion Olive. A potluck dinner was served.

Joyce Churchill of the Autism Society spoke to the group and described their work to get the Shamrock Farms Centre for Autism built in St. John's. She is the mother of 29 year old Stephen Churchill, an autism sufferer. Mrs. Churchill (a former mayor of Portugal Cove) gave background information and statistics on Autism in the province and pointed out that upwards of 700 children, youth and adults in the Avalon region suffer from the disease. Their campaign for Shamrock Farms began in '03 and opened late this year with programming to begin in 2006. King Lion Randy presented Mrs. Churchill

with a cheque in the amount of \$1000.

Lion Fred presented donations to the four churches in the amount of \$50 each and provided Beachy Cove Elementary with \$100 for their library fund.

Our Lions member from Bell Island, Lion Boyd, spoke to the group about the Bell Island Food Bank and thanked the Club for our ongoing support of their charitable initiative. He also provided the group with a brief description of the party held for the mentally challenged adults on the Island. He invited everyone in attendance to visit the bellisland.net website.

Business arising from the minutes, Lion Randy indicated that a retroactive motion needed to be made on the \$100 donation to the school.

Motion by Lion Fred, seconded by Lion Dot. The Salvation Army kettle had been manned by K/L Randy and Lion Fred. Lion Gladys attended at the Mall at her appointed time however the person manning the kettle wished to continue on.

Committees. VOXM Bingo: Lion Bert turned in \$2645 to Lion Mary

Bert's Pennies: Lion Bert turned in \$50 from his penny cans

Senior's Report: The Club has had calls from the Mayor and the date is 15 January 2006 for the Senior's dinner.

Membership: Lion Bradley explained this was his first mtg. back this term due to outside commitments. He had placed a full page in the community newsletter and received no response to an appeal for

members. He will return our message to Rogers Cable and will be contacting the NE Avalon Times in the New Year to investigate the possibility of publishing something with them.

K/L Randy advised that there would be an announcement regarding the Harry Newman Award (Diabetes) coming shortly. Correspondence was read into the meeting by Lion Bradley. Zone Chairman Job Blackwood spoke to the meeting and brought greetings from the Zone. He commended us on our activities in the community and asked us to be patient with membership. He advises the next Zone meeting is in the Goulds on 22 January at 2 p.m.

DG Sam Wells also spoke to the meeting and brought greetings from International and the St. John's Lions Club. With respect to our membership issue, it is a widespread problem. DG Wells asked us to consider making the Lions Club "family friendly" or "family oriented" and also repeated his term slogan "Ask One." He advised the Club to continue to spread the word about our good work in the community and people will join. He also suggested using examples like the Max Simms Camp and the Dog Guides program to illustrate our work.

New Business. With respect to deceased Lions Gary Spurrell and Art Snook,
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(The Lions Club continued.....)

K/L Randy suggested that as a tribute we should make a donation to the Camp. Lion Olive suggested that the Spurrell donation go to Gary's widow (Sandra). Motion made by Lion Fred, seconded by Lion Frank to deliver 2 cheques in the amount of \$50 each to the Camp in memory of Lions Gary and Art. Motion made by Lion Olive,

seconded by Lion Fred to send \$50 to Mrs. Spurrell. Lion Olive to deliver these.

Go around & adjournment at 9:35 p.m.
Lion Bradley Moss
(Sect. - Acting)

Weird Animal Facts

- A hedgehog's heart beats 300 times a minute.
- An adult blue whale's heart beats about 6 times a minute.
- A group of kangaroos is called a mob.
- A group of rhinos is called a crash.
- A horse has 18 more bones than a human.
- Alligators cannot move backwards.
- Penguins can jump as high as 6 feet in the air.
- A blue whale is the loudest animal.
- Black cats are considered lucky in some European countries.
- The African Lungfish can live out of water for up to 4 years.
- A blue whale's tongue is so large that 50 people could stand on it.
- An elephant can smell water three miles away.
- There are more cows than people in the US.
- Tiger sharks can have anywhere from 10 to 80 young in one birth.
- The oldest known goldfish lived to 41 years of age.
- An ant can lift 50 times it's own weight.
- It takes seven years for a lobster to grow 1 pound.
- It is possible for one female cat to be responsible for the birth of 20,736 kittens in four years.
- (Please get your cats fixed!)
- Turtles can breathe through their butts.
- For every human in the world there is 15 dogs an 45 cats. (Again, fix your pets!)
- Starfish don't have brains. (how sad!)
- Scared of sharks? Coconuts kill more people in the world than sharks do. About 150 people are killed each year by coconuts.
- You are more likely to be killed by a Champagne cork than by a poisonous spider.
- A crocodile's tongue is attached to the roof of it's mouth.
- More people each year are killed from bees than from snakes.
- A cockroach can go nine days without eating.
- A giraffe's tongue is about 21 inches long.
- Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.
- Sharks are immune to cancer.
- Snails can sleep for 3 years.
- There are 200,000,000 insects for every 1 person on earth.
- A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

Knight of Columbus 1930



Knights of Columbus Crown Free Throw Champions

Eight (8) boys and girls from Bell Island, ages 10-14, were named local champions of the 2005 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship and have earned the right to compete at the district level. Knights of Columbus 1930 on Bell Island sponsored the local competition at the Wabana Boys & Girls Club on December 16th. All youngsters ages 10 to 14 were eligible to participate.

Trevor Meadus was the 10 year-old boys' champion and Stephanie Hibbs was the winner of the 10-year-old girls' division. In the 11-year-olds' bracket, Tyler Meadus was the boys' champion and Sheena Fleming was the girls' champion. Twelve-year-old winners in the boys' and girls' divisions were Brandon Sweeney and Charmaine Mugford. The 13 & 14-year-old champions were Terry Arnold and Josh Gamberg. Each contestant were allowed 10 free throw attempts in the contests.

Ties were settled by successive rounds of five free throws per contestant until a winner emerged. Each of these winners will compete in the district competition to be held in February in St. John's with an eye toward moving on to the state and international levels. We would like to congratulate these young boys & girls and wish them all the best in the free throw competitions in St. John's.

Abandoned Vehicles:



Last year we were very successful in getting rid of a large amount of junked vehicles off the Island. Police are starting to see a return of some of these types of eyesores again. This has caused a need for immediate action!

There will be no warnings or deadlines in relation to these types of offenses. That time has passed. Police will be enforcing

the provincial legislation in relation to these matters on an ongoing basis. Charges will be laid and court attendance is necessary as this is not an offense where a simple ticket can be issued. The vehicles will be towed at your expense.

By law, you are not permitted to store junked vehicles on your

property, nor scrap a vehicle on your property in plain view. The removal of parts from a vehicle must be done in an inside garage setting.

Those who continue this behaviour take notice.

RCMP Bell Island

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF MEMORIES!

Flashback to early 1981. Ed and I had built a new home in Lance Cove the previous summer, and I could honestly claim to be 39 and holding! I'd just started commuting and was missing the friendships and volunteerism I'd grown to treasure during our previous years as members of the Mount Pearl Kinsmen & Kinettes. I was finding the relative isolation and lack of "something to do" rather daunting when I dreamed up the idea of a group of women with whom I could share friendships while volunteering to support the community. Enter the Lance Cove & Area Women's Club – better known to all as "The Lancers"!

From the beginning we agreed that all members would be from the Lance Cove area, and our group would be limited to 12 women – a manageable number who would each be responsible for one month of the year in which she would Chair our meetings, plan our fundraising events and create memories we still hold dear today, long after the Lancers are just a memory. What energy we had! All of us had young children then, and some children born to members in those years are now young adults themselves, but we always found time and energy for another project, another visit to the hospital at Christmas, another Santa Claus visit to the seniors!

For 14 years, these twelve women shared a unique friendship and looking back,

we really started a revolution on the island with our annual "Come Home Week" that somehow always stretched into 12 days of activities including dances at every club on the island, pool and dart tournaments, a "mini-regatta" which included fish & brewis and games of chance on Lance Cove Beach, our annual sports day on the field, and a big homecoming dance at the arena. I still recall how at 3 a.m. this group of women would be lugging the last of the "refreshments" out of the arena before heading to Carol Bennett's to count the take for the night! We built a Community Center, created hundreds of jobs over the life of our group, initiated "Speak-off" events in the high schools, and supported the hospital, the Boys & Girls Club, the "Ocean Ranger" scholarship fund, minor hockey, children afflicted with conditions that included spina bifida, cystic fibrosis, and muscular dystrophy.

Fundraising concerts, our "Little Miss Bell Island" pageants, parties for our seniors – they're all now part of the patch work quilt of memories that is treasured by every one of us that wore the red and black with the Lancer crest.

The years have taken their toll on our group – we lost three great members and friends during the past twenty five years: Marian Rees; Edith Murphy and Barb Stoyles – whom I'm sure are somewhere in the great beyond organizing a fundraiser or two to buy new harps for the crew or new pearly gates to spruce up the place! We still miss them dearly and their names always come up whenever one or a group of us get together.

In the 25 years since we formed "The Lancers" leaning over the

counter at Minnie Hussey's store at the corner of our lane which was really our first gathering place, thousands of dollars were raised and donated back to good causes on Bell Island, many families were helped economically through jobs provided by the Lancers, and friendships were formed that will forever be part of our collective memories of that era on Bell Island.

All of us have grown older; most of us are grandparents today. Many of us have been touched by tragedy and serious illness, but still the memories of those wonderful years are part of the fabric of our families – our husbands and children who were such a support in the days when we needed every ounce of that support to keep us going!

As we go through 2006, I hope the Lancer "girls" will reunite once or twice to once again show Bell Island what a group of mothers and grandmothers can do! I won't name them all today (memory being what it is as I slide into my 64th year!) but will share that and some great tales in another edition.

To each of them, the girls who shared my life for 14 years and my memories for the past 25, may I say you were and will always be the best! As we sang at the opening of the Center, "We did it Our Way" – and what a way it was!

To each of you and yours, every best wish for health and happiness in 2006, and I look forward to getting together and sharing some of those great memories in the year ahead.

Kay Coxworthy
Founder/The Lancers



R.C.M.P Community Concerns



This month's reminder is on the importance of seat belts. All too often we hear the horror stories of people being ejected and killed from cars because they did not bother to buckle up. When we ask people why they are not wearing their seatbelt we are often told: "I'm just running down to the store" or "I forgot". This is your life we're talking about, and it only takes a second. Also, please ensure all occupants in your vehicle are buckled up. As drivers we are responsible for all children under the age

of 16 and we must make sure they are properly buckled up whether in a child safety seat or not. Please take the time and buckle up, it's for your own good and it could save your life!

The following URL will bring you to the Highway Traffic Act (H.T.A.) and Section 178 of the H.T.A. is the section, which deals with Seat Belts.

www.hoa.gov.nl.ca/hoa/statutes/h03.htm#178_

Seat belts

178.

(3) A person, who

operates on a highway a vehicle in which a seat belt assembly is provided for the driver, shall wear the complete seat belt assembly in a properly adjusted and securely fastened manner.

(4) A person who is a passenger on a highway in a vehicle in which a seat belt assembly is provided for the seating position occupied by the passenger shall wear the

Unregistered and Un-insured Vehicles.

The police are receiving more calls from concerned members of the community about others driving without the proper licence, registration and/or insurance. Police will be more vigilant in enforcing the Highway Traffic Act in months to come, with a view to charging for these offenses.

You are required by law to have a valid licence, registration and insurance card in the vehicle you are operating at all times.

Please be prepared to show these cards at upcoming check points and traffic stops. In some cases police must fine drivers who do not have the cards present even though they have valid cards elsewhere. You must have the cards on you when driving your vehicle.

Police will be calling the insurance companies directly from the police car in some cases ensuring the cards are valid. Some persons are using cards that are

shown as valid but the policy has been canceled. This is a serious offense under the Criminal Code as well as the Highway Traffic Act and is punishable with a jail sentence in some cases.

We know you understand our attempts to keep our community safe.

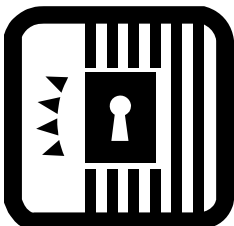
Charges and Convictions



On 2005-11-30, a 19 year old male from the East End appeared in court for trial for charges arising from two separate incidents. One charge of Assault is from a 2005-03-23 incident at the residence of his girlfriend and a second charge of assault is from a 2005-04-26 incident at the residence of one of his parents at Town Square. The trial never finished as the accused entered guilty pleas for all charges. A sentence of 30 days concurrent for each charge and one year probation was imposed by the judge.



On 2005-11-30, an 18 year old Wabana male, pleaded guilty to two counts of assault on 2005-11-15 and appeared in court this date for sentencing. The charges arose from two separate



incidents on Main Street on 2005-06-24 and 2005-06-27. A sentence of nine months probation was imposed by the judge.

On 2005-12-08, a 30 year old male from St. John's, charged in 2003 with Failure to Provide the Necessaries of Life to his seriously injured infant daughter attended court for sentencing this date. He had been remanded (kept in jail) since he was found guilty on 2005-11-24. The sentencing was set aside until 2005-12-16. On that date, a sentence of 11 and a half months in custody and two years probation was imposed.

On 2005-12-13, a 51 year old Wabana male, charged with Assault appeared in court for trial. The charge arose from a 2005-05-16 incident

at the place of business of the victim. The trial was cancelled as the victim agreed to the accused being placed on a peace bond for a year.

On 2005-12-20, a 39 year old male from West Mines, charged with Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle and Drive Over .08, appeared in court. The charges arose from a traffic stop on 2005-08-16. The accused entered a guilty plea for Driving Over .08 and the charge of Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle was withdrawn. Sentencing is set aside until 2006-01-13.

On 2005-09-07, a 27 year old male from St. John's, charged with Theft Under \$5000 was scheduled to appear in court but did not appear.

(Charges and Convictions continued....)

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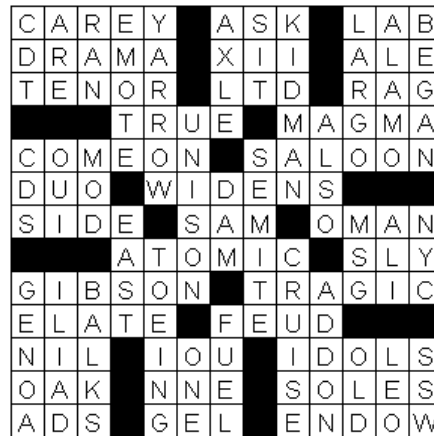
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The charge arose from a complaint of theft of lumber between March and April, 2005 from an East End property belonging to the father of the accused. An arrest warrant was issued that date and

executed on 2005-12-22. A further charge of Failing to Appear in Court was laid. The accused will appear in court to enter a plea to both charges on 2006-02-08.



Constable Colleen Noble gave birth to a baby girl on December 31, 2005 in St. John's.

Mom and baby are reported to be doing great!!

