

New princess Kentville crowned



By Lindsay Young

Young girls across the Valley watched Princess Kentville Kristy Anne Gould with awe and amazement as she represented Kentville at this year's 76th Apple Blossom Festival.

Participating in the Apple Blossom Festival as a Princess is not just pomp and circumstance. This role is a year long commitment to learning and personal growth and it's an excellent opportunity for young girls to gain public speaking experience.

Kristy was crowned Princess Kentville 2008 on April 24th at the annual Princess Tea at the Kentville Volunteer Fire Department. The event was well-attended and featured a spring fashion show by Phinney's, which added excitement to the evening and was a definite crowd pleaser. As always, sweets, tea, coffee and sandwiches were served and the Royal Party was in attendance, eager to find out who would be joining them as the newest member.

"I am very honoured to be chosen for Princess and I am thrilled to have had the privilege to take part in the Festival," says Kristy.



Child attendant Emilie Hamilton.

Over the next year, Kristy will visit many Valley events and festivals as an ambassador for Kentville. By her side will be her child attendant, eight-year-old Emilie Hamilton, daughter of Scott and Samantha Hamilton of Kentville.

Congratulations are also extended to Lindsay Pearl, daughter of Mark and Mona Pearl, who was named 1st Lady in Waiting.

Princess Kentville 2008 Kristy Anne Gould.



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Message from the mayor



Welcome to the summer 2008 edition of Kentville Connection.

Since our last publication, a great deal of activity has taken place in Kentville. Not only has the skyline been transformed in the downtown area, but development in general has been excellent. The confirmation of a new school to replace KCA and the possibility of a new bridge has been welcome news. Also, the Friends of the Kentville Public Library Society have been active in promoting their plans for Kentville's new library. Additionally, Centre Stage Theatre volunteers are busy fundraising to buy their building on River Street and work on the Ducks Unlimited site continues.

Although less visible to most citizens, projects like upgrades to the water, sewer and roadway infrastructure, dyke development, budget deliberations and plans for new special events have also had their place on recent council

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Kentville's Chief Administrative Officer, Bill Boyd, is retiring after 33 years. (Photo courtesy of The Advertiser)

A fond farewell to Bill Boyd

By Erin Mason & Carol Harnes

A lot has changed in Kentville since July, 1975. Business and industries have come, stayed and gone, new subdivisions have developed and the faces of Town Council have changed as have those of Town staff.

However, some things distinctly Kentville have remained unchanged: one-way traffic around town, the eternal optimism and pride of Kentville residents and the well-planned growth of recreation facilities and programs.

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Volunteers receive provincial honours

Several outstanding Kentville volunteers received provincial honours at the 34th Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony and Luncheon at the Westin Nova Scotia Hotel in Halifax April 24.

The awards honoured 66 representative volunteers from communities across the province and four special award winners.

Frances Schagen was honoured as Kentville's Representative Volunteer for her work with the Friends of the Kentville Public Library, Kings



Mayor David Corkum with (from left) provincial Volunteer Family of the Year Gareth, Rhianna, Scott, Meghan and Jocelyn Nicholson, and Kentville volunteer representative Frances Schagen.

award for their work with the Kentville and Area Youth Association, Kentville Marlins swim team and other recreation and community groups.

"Our winners are fine representatives of Kentville," says Mayor Dave Corkum. "Volunteering is a part of their daily life. Their dedication, pride and commitment to our community is humbling and they are each very deserving of this honour."

During Provincial Volunteer Week 2008 (April 27 – May 3), communities across Nova Scotia saluted the province's finest with Provincial Volunteer Week celebrations.

Innovation Council, the Kings Alternative Transportation Society and other community groups. The Nicholson family – Scott, Jocelyn, Rhianna, Gareth and Meghan, – received the prestigious provincial Volunteer Family of the Year

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agendas. Yes, it has been an extremely busy couple of months.

As you may know, Kentville Town Hall will seem quite different in the near future. After 20 years, Councilor Larry Honey has resigned to pursue another career opportunity. During his term in office, Larry served as councilor, deputy mayor and as chairman of every standing committee of council. We wish Councilor Honey good luck but his leadership and contribution as a councilor will be missed.

In addition, the Town's Chief Administrative Officer, Bill Boyd, will be retiring after 33 years of service. Bill served 19 years as the Recreation Director and the last 14 as CAO and leaves behind big shoes to fill. The public often assumes that the day-to-day operations of the Town are conducted by Council, but, the CAO is responsible for managing and providing leadership to staff. Bill will be greatly missed by staff, council and all those who have worked with him.

With a long-awaited summer just around the corner, I would like to remind you that the term of office for this council will end with the municipal election on October 18. Therefore, if you are eligible and interested in serving, please visit our website at www.town.kentville.ns.ca

In closing, I would like to thank you for having faith in our Town and the work done by our council and staff. We are all very excited about the future.

Mayor David L. Corkum

Editor's note

Welcome to the 2008 summer edition of Kentville Connection.

This edition is packed with news from Town Hall and interesting stories on what's going on in Kentville. From remedial flooding work in the west end of town to the recent Provincial Volunteer Awards, exciting things are happening in Kentville. I hope this edition provides an exciting snapshot of the people and events in your community. Enjoy!

Erin Mason
Editor

Clearly out of the dark ages



New regulations now require garbage to be placed in clear bags while recyclables go in blue bags.

By Andrew Garrett
Valley Waste Resource Management

As of April 1, the Clear Bag for Garbage program became effective in Kentville.

Under the program, seeing is believing – business and residential garbage must be placed in clear plastic bags, with recyclables in blue transparent bags.

One solid coloured bag for personal waste items is acceptable for each collection.

Why the clear-bag system?

Our environment directly benefits. With clear bag programs in place, more waste is recycled and composted. It's that simple.

In 2000, Valley residents and businesses were separating 50 per cent of their waste from the garbage. In recent years that number has dropped to around 40 per cent.

In fact, a recent audit of our garbage determined nearly 40 per cent of everything we are placing in the garbage could have been

recycled or composted.

Food waste buried in landfills does not break down into compost like it does in your backyard or in a composting facility. The lack of oxygen in a landfill creates liquids and gases that are harmful to our water and our air. The gases from a landfill are a large contributor to greenhouse gases.

Not only is some waste harmful in a landfill, but it is just plain wasteful to throw away plastics or metals. Many solid waste resources, of course, can be made into new materials without having to mine more non-renewable resources.

Help us move towards a cleaner environment. Do your part! For more information about the clear bag program, contact Valley Waste at 679-1325 or check www.vwrm.com.

Increased recycling limits

With the clear bag program we

expect more recycling will be generated so we have modified how we collect your bags at roadside.

The four-bag limit for garbage and eight-bag maximum total stays the same. However, you can now substitute unneeded garbage bags with additional recycling bags.

For example, if you are only generating two bags of garbage, you could place six bags of recycling out for pick-up. The maximum garbage bags allowed remains at four.

A cleaner environment: It's in the bag

- Clear bags for garbage
- Transparent blue bags for recycling
- Maximum of 8 bags total garbage or recyclables per pickup, although no more than four can be garbage.

Cleaner air too!

A reminder that a new town bylaw prohibits open burning, including leaves, brush and garden waste. Only fires using clean, dry wood in an acceptable fire pits are permitted. Fines range from \$250 to \$5,000. Details on acceptable fire pits and other aspects of the bylaw are available from the town office.

Bill Boyd

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First class recreation facilities have become synonymous with Kentville, and this hard earned reputation is thanks to the town's first Recreation Director, Bill Boyd.

Bill was an accomplished athlete himself and as Recreation Director, he saw his newly adopted Town as one where all residents should have access to recreation opportunities. Although Kentville had enjoyed a long history of recreation, a new focus was being placed on recreation facilities and amenities.

Many exciting projects and facilities that are vital parts of recreation in Kentville today started in the mid 1970s and later. The New Horizons Club, Participark, Kentville Trail System, Oakdene Park, running track and development of soccer fields are just a few examples. Kentville was also one of the first municipalities in Canada to secure funding from what was then Canadian Pacific Railway for the *Rails to Trails* program.

"We've hosted regional, provincial and national events that have had tremendous economic spinoff," says Bill. "We hosted a slo-pitch tournament that attracted 100 teams from across the Maritimes for many years." "The Town has been fortunate to have high-quality recreation facilities and we've had the support of the citizens and council," he adds, which is critical to maintain and expand recreation.

Change and opportunity came for Bill in 1993. After the CAO at the time resigned, Bill accepted the position of acting CAO. "I was interested in the position but a bit hesitant as my training was in recreation" he says, and although the learning curve was steep and the responsibilities new, Bill found the position of CAO to be a good fit for him. "I went from a manager of specific issues to managing people resources," he says. "My favorite part is working with staff and dealing with the public; I look at myself as the coach of a team...good team...good results."

Looking back and looking ahead, Bill is confident that Kentville is positioned well for the future. "I believe I'm leaving the Town in good shape," he says. "It's growing and has a tremendous amount of potential."

Bill will be retiring on June 30th but he's quick to say that he won't be leaving the area in the near future. "I've brought up my family here and plan to remain here and offer my services back to the Town in other capacities," he says.

However, more golf and more hockey games are planned as is spending time at the cottage in Harbourville. Bill jokes about his new role as housekeeper saying, "I'll be checking the fridge daily for my list of tasks before I go golfing in summer or play hockey in winter."

Congratulations and happy retirement, Bill.

Thank you, Larry

Bill Boyd's retirement isn't the only departure from the town this year. Long-time town councillor and former deputy mayor Larry Honey has tendered his resignation from council to pursue another career opportunity.

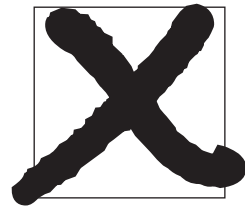
Larry spent 20 years on council, and in that time he has been the chair of every standing committee.

Thank you for your years of service, Larry..



Larry Honey

Be part of the process!



Municipal elections take place this October. If you are interested in running for a seat on council, call Town Hall at 679-2500 for details.

Celebrating our community volunteers

Kentville honoured its outstanding community volunteers and organizations at its annual Volunteer Recognition Night at the Kentville Volunteer Fire Department auditorium:

Kentville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary
Sara Bigelow

Fidelis House Society

Valley Regional Hospital Auxiliary
Carolyn Galley Card

KCA Parent Teacher Association
Allyson Higgins

Kentville New Horizons
Richard Tibert

Acadia Minor Hockey Association
Aaron Ward

Royal Canadian Legion Kentville Ladies Auxiliary Josephine Justason

Treasure House
Lena & Peter Barkman

Kings West Soccer
John Bedard

Kinsman Club of Kentville & District
Barry Babin

Kentville Volunteer Fire Department
Peter Best

Red Door Adolescent Health & Support Centre
Tamara Gilley

Kings Historial Society
Jo-Ann Redden

Kings County SPCA
Willard Goodwin



Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl and Mayor Dave Corkum honored The White Family Funeral Home with the Mayor's Corporate Award. Penny and Cyril White (centre right), with son Greg and wife Melissa, received the award.

Royal Canadian Legion Kings Branch No. 6
John Twombly

Kentville United Baptist Church Eileen Cochran

Rotary Club of Kentville
Cathy Briggs

Specialty awards were also presented to three outstanding Kentville residents and businesses that have taken a leadership role in planning and supporting community events and who embody the true spirit of volunteerism:

Outstanding Individual Volunteerism Award
Deborah Mahoney

Outstanding Volunteer Environmental Award
Jeff Best, Best Toyota

Mayor's Corporate Award
White Family Funeral Home



John Twombly was recognized for his years of volunteerism with the Royal Canadian Legion Kings Branch No. 6



Tamara Gilley was honoured for her work with the Red Door Adolescent Health and Support Centre.

Department updates

KENTVILLE POLICE

Catching those that commit crimes is a major part of what your police service does, but we also work within the community to prevent crime and encourage safety. With summer fast approaching, we must continue to keep our community safe from crime and keep ourselves safe from injury while enjoying outdoor activities like walking and riding bicycles. The following are bits of information to consider:

Home Safety

Many incidents of crime are those of opportunity. When working around the yard, keep the front door locked. Criminals will look to see if you are busy in the back yard garden then ring the doorbell or knock and if no one responds they will try the door and go into your house. If the door is locked they will usually walk away not wanting to force the door and bring attention to themselves.

Don't leave valuables like tools and bicycles where they are visible. If you have a shed, lock all valuables inside it at night.

If you will be away for an extended period, let a neighbor know how long you will be away. Ask them to keep an eye on your property and to call the police if they see or hear something unusual.

Walking

Walking is great exercise and often a way to relieve stress. However, it's important to be safe. If possible, walk facing traffic and wear reflective clothing or carry a flashlight at night. Plan your route so that if you need to cross the street you can do it at a controlled pedestrian cross walk. Even at a controlled cross walk, never assume that a driver has seen you and that the car will stop. Even with the modern technology of flashing overhead lights you still need to look both ways. Look the driver in the eyes to be sure that they see you, wave and thank them for stopping.

Cycling

Kentville's trail system makes it easy to get from one end of town to the other by bicycle. When off the trail and on the roads, please remember that bicycles must follow the same rules of the road as motor vehicles. On a bicycle, travel with traffic not against it and use hand signals to signify your intent. The most important safety strategy for bicycle riders is to always wear a helmet. It can save you from a significant head injury and from paying a fine, because in Nova Scotia, helmets are mandatory.

A bit more to think about

The police cannot always be everywhere all the time and that is why we appreciate citizens doing their part to prevent and sometimes solve crime. Information that you think is not important, can help us solve a crime. For more information, contact Kentville Police at: 678-3378
E-mail: police@town.kentville.ns.ca
Visit our web site at: www.kentvillepolice.ca

PLANNING

Kentville's first public meeting on the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) was held on June 5 at 7pm at the Kentville Recreation Centre. Watch for additional public meetings in the coming months..

Shannex will be building a 61 unit long-term care facility and two assisted living complexes on the former CP lands. This is an exciting development for Kentville and will compliment our existing downtown. Currently they are completing their hydrological and engineering studies and are scheduled to break ground this summer.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Province, the County of Kings and the Town of Kentville are sharing in the cost of a study to determine the need and best location for a possible new bridge to manage downtown traffic flows and assist in the movement of emergency vehicles. An agreement is being prepared for all parties to sign and a request for proposals would follow shortly.

A tender for the extension of Town water service to Balsor and Eaglecrest subdivisions was awarded by the County of Kings. The extension will be completed according to Town specifications and will eventually become part of the Kentville Water Commission. Work should be completed by mid-September.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Town will soon be hiring an Active Living Coordinator to work as part of the Parks & recreation department. The Active Living Coordinator will be responsible for increasing physical activity opportunities and programs for all Kentville residents. Other initiatives of the Coordinator include active transportation strategies, safe community initiatives and health and wellness programs.

Work continues on trail development at the Ducks Unlimited Miner Marsh site. The 2008 Summer Programs Flyer is now available online and will also be distributed to students at KCA.

Progress in dealing with flooding

By Hal Henderson

Director of Public Works

Flooding from the Cornwallis River is an issue that residents of Kentville have been dealing with for many years. Since the flood of 2003, finding sustainable solutions to avoid future flooding has been a priority of Town Council and although there are no quick solutions, progress is being made.

Progress-to-date includes a new storm drain at the west end of the soccer fields and now a large portion of the storm water that was causing flooding is diverted directly to the River. A recent storm water study has provided the Town with suggestions on how to manage flooding. Additionally, in excess of \$250,000 is pro-

posed to be spent on building dykes along the river. A public meeting on this issue will be held this summer. Furthermore, a new bridge feasibility study has begun and will recommend different locations and options for Kentville's river crossing. The study is being cost shared between the Town, the County of Kings and the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

The Town is aware of the concern that Kentville residents have about river flooding, but please be assured that your concerns are being heard and progress is being made. If you have any questions, please contact Hal Henderson, Director of Public Works, at 679-2521 or halh@town.kentville.ns.ca.

Prevent FOG in your drain pipes

Although household drains seem like a convenient place to dispose of fat, oil, grease and food scraps, not everything you pour down the drain will make it to the sewer. Fat, oil and grease (FOG) can solidify in your pipes and eventually block them.

These FOG blocks can cause household sewage backup in your

house and on your property as well as your neighbor's property. This can cause a health hazard to your family and can be very costly to clean up.

Here are some tips to reduce FOG:

- Never pour fats, oils or grease down the drain or in the toilet.

- Scrape grease and food scraps into your green bin.

- Place a drain screen in your sink to catch food scraps and dispose of grease and food scraps in your green bin.

- Use disposable paper towels to wipe up grease and dispose of the paper towel in your green bin.

Kentville Farmers' Market

The Valley's Mid-Week Market
Wednesdays, 10am-2pm
Centre Square, Kentville
July 2-Oct 1

Fresh local food, art & crafts and live music