

Time capsule opened from 1971

By Bill Rea

Times have changes a lot since 1971, as can be learned by examining the contents of any time capsule buried around that time.

That's what happened at James Bolton Public School.

Vice-Principal Jeremy Taylor explained the capsule had been placed in a brick structure at the front of the school in April 1971. The structure had started to deteriorate, so a work order was issued to take it down. That's when they found the capsule.

"We didn't know it was there," he remarked. "It was a total surprise."

He added the stone structure was part of the original school building, which burned down some years ago.

Teacher Marny Bissonnette was showing some of the items found in the capsule, including documents that had been printed on ditto machines; class lists from the period (each student wrote their own name); lists of events that took place in '71, such as the flight to the moon of Apollo 14; minutes from a Peel County Board of Education meeting; staff lists (complete with home addresses and phone numbers); and a copy of the Bolton Enterprise, dated April 22.

The advertisements indicate that a three-pint box of strawberries was going for 99 cents, or parents could sign their son up for lacrosse by paying a registration fee of \$8.

Taylor said they will make up a new time capsule.



James Bolton teacher Marny Bissonnette holds some of the items buried in the time capsule in 1971.