



Onslow-Belmont 4-H club held a holiday horse meeting where members made horse treats and decorated gingerbread horses. (Natalie Porter Photo)

## Onslow-Belmont 4-H'ers Participate in "The Horse Project"

By Natalie Porter

Many member of the Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club have been participating in "the horse project", which gives members a chance to learn about many aspects of horses such as their health, feeding, various recreational activities that can be done with them, and of course showmanship and judging. We currently have members in light horse English and western, draft horse, and horse basics.

Members also have the opportunity to compete and to be on a county team for the Horse Classic held on Provincial Weekend. The Horse Classic is made up of marketing, artifact identification, and trivia.

In March we will have our annual chocolate bar fundraiser. This year the bars are Peanut Free ChocBox from Lamontagne Chocolate. We will have almond bars, caramel bars, sea salt bars, mint bites, caramel bites, and chocolate covered almonds. All are two dollars each. Half of the money from this fundraiser will go to the Provincial 4-H Council to be used for Provincial weekend, Pro-Show, Eastgen, Camp Rankin Scholarships, trips for members and leaders to conferences, programs and workshops, to name a few. The other half will go to our club to use as we need.

*Natalie Porter is reporter for the Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club.*



Pictured above is one of the gingerbread horses made by members of the Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club at a meeting in December. (Natalie Porter Photo)

## Debert Elementary Notes

By Erma Cox

We have rung in the New Year with some bitterly cold days and snow; thus a reminder to all parents to please insure your child has hat and mittens on when they leave home in the morning. On days when the temperature is not too cold we may be having our Physical Education classes outside as well, so students are advised to wear snow pants. Along with the cold weather in January we hosted our Primary registration on January 19th. We had 23 children make their way through a variety of stations to start the process of coming to school. Should you live in the Debert area with a child who turns 5 in 2016 and missed our registration, we ask that you call the school and we will make arrangements to have him/her added to the list.

We are thrilled to be offering an opportunity for children to get some extra skating time in. Studies show that children who are physically active do better in school. With this in mind, we have booked the rink for every Tuesday from 3 - 4 pm for an open skate. There is no charge for this event and we will have some staff on site to assist. All persons on the ice are asked to wear a helmet as there is a liability issue with such events. Parents are encouraged to go on the ice with their child whenever possible.

Games nights will be starting up soon. Please

keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates about this and other events occurring.

Our grade 6 class continue to participate in activities to impact local and global change. In February they will be hosting a hockey game and bake sale to raise funds for the IWK. All parents are encouraged to come out and support this event and the undertakings of this "class that cares"

Family Literacy Day occurs on January 27th, 2016. We are thrilled to have Gerald Gloade, a local author and artist coming to talk to our students on this date. Mr Gloade graduated from Dalhousie in 2008 with a Masters in Sociology. In 2010 his work was displayed at the Olympics in Vancouver. Recently, he has been chosen as one of the finalist for the 2017 Royal Canadian Mint coin designs. These are but a few of Mr Gloade's experiences. I am excited to have him visit our students and tell his story.

Students and staff are also excited about Family Day and the week that follows as that will see us all participate in a number of activities for Winter Carnival. These activities add to the excitement of the everyday learning that occur within our school. Each of our "backpacks" has its own story and we hope that each of you recognize that your story also is to be celebrated. "Reveal Your True Colours"

## In the Village Café to Resume in May

By Dawn Sprecher

With the advent of colder weather and increased heating costs, the St. James Church of Great Village Preservation Society will be taking a brief hiatus this winter and closing St. James Church for a couple of months.

The Society will continue to meet during this time and is still planning on holding an Annual General Meeting, which is now being planned for sometime in late March. Workshops will also be delayed until late March, but a list of upcoming topics and sessions will be posted well in advance on the In the Village Café website and facebook pages.

The In the Village Café will be up and running again beginning in May. Stay tuned for some exciting musical and other events that are being planned for 2016.

For any inquiries or bookings please continue to contact us online at <https://www.facebook.com/InTheVillageCafe/?fref=ts> or the webpage at <http://lauriegunn.wix.com/inthevillagecafe> or through Dawn Sprecher at 902-655-2020 or dawn\_sprecher@yahoo.ca.

For those people interested in the activities and whereabouts of CALA (the Colchester Adult Learning Association), they are temporarily relocating across the street to the Great Village Legion and are keeping their regular Monday and Wednesday hours. They will return to the church when it re-opens in the spring.



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