



A stop light on Masstown Road? Residents are experiencing a bit of inconvenience along the Masstown Road as repairs continue to the overpass. A traffic light has been temporarily installed while traffic has been reduced to one lane on the overpass. This section has been in need of repair for some time. (Harrington Photo)

Update on Winner of Sid Crosby Jersey

\$1700 raised by Village Follies Relay For Life Team

The draw for the winner of the autographed Sidney Crosby Jersey was made on June 7th at the Masstown Market. The winner was Brenda McMullen, who works in the bakery at the Market. Brenda was very excited to pick up her prize. Now that Sidney and the Pittsburgh Penguins have captured the Stanley Cup, this prize is even more treasured.

The draw generated over \$1700 for the Village Follies

Relay For Life Team and helped the team capture the honour of Top Fund Raising Team at the Relay For Life with over \$7200 in donations. The event was held June 12 & 13 at Agri-tech Park in Bible Hill.

Thank you to all supported the many Relay Teams from our area. Team members have volunteered their time for months fund raising in support of this worthwhile cause. Total money raised from all teams was over \$132,000.



Michaela Priest of Belmont, shows the note (on the left) that she put into a bottle and the reply (on the right) that she recently received from a man in the United Kingdom, whose wife found a note in a bottle that Michaela sent out to sea in 2006 (Harrington Photo)

Balloon Note Travels From New York to Five Islands



Deanna Graham's Grade Five Class at Debert Elementary recently wrote letters to Copenhagen, New York. They were responding to a note brought into class by Emily Wilson that had been attached to a balloon. Students in the class include: (Back row l to r) Kiersten Embree, Lily Priest, Jason Currie, Jonahan MacInnis, Andrew O'Hearon, Kennedy Height, Kurtlin Rushton, Jessica Steeves, Jacob Currie; (Middle row l to r) Brandon Betts, Skyler Mellroy, Matthew LeBlanc, Dakota Lockhart, Emily Wilson, Joey Findlay, Brennan Fraser, Anna Staples-Sears, Alyssa Wright; (Front row l to r) Brooke Collins, Thomas Elliott, Austin Burgoyne-Murphy, Matthew Arsenault, Josh Blackie, Ashley Cook. Missing from photo is Jessie Weatherby. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

Emily Wilson brought a small but well travelled piece of paper to her Grade Five class at Debert Elementary back in April. The paper had been attached to a balloon found by her father Perry Wilson.

"My dad was working in the woods up on a mountain in Five Islands," says Emily. "He brought home the balloon with a note attached and it had been released by a student at Copenhagen Central School, Copenhagen, New York."

The driving distance to Copenhagen, New York in the United States is over 900 miles but it is impossible to know how far the balloon travelled by air on its journey. The balloon was released to celebrate the 100th day of school on Feb. 15th, 2008.

Emily's Grade Five Class were excited about the note, and with the help of their teacher Deanna Graham, the class decided to send a package off to the school in New York.

"It was a great opportunity for meaningful writing as well as a chance to learn about students from our neighbourhood country. The students anxiously awaited for a response to their letters," says Mrs. Graham.

Students each wrote a note, telling about themselves and their interests, and the notes were mailed along with a class photo to Copenhagen Central School. A reply was received at the school last week and Emily was given the privilege of opening the package.

Students from New York had sent individual letters back to the Debert Elementary students along with their class photo. The NY

school has a website and email address and Emily hopes she will be able to

write an email back to some of the students. Students from this Grade 5

class have made some cross border friendships thanks to a little note on a balloon.

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