



Heather MacKay shows Tony and Gerry van den Hoek a bag of turnips the Community Association had for sale, while they browse Sandra Phillips' table of local produce. A mini-Farmer's market was set up during the Brunch at the Great Village Legion on March 13th. (Harrington Photo)



The Great Village Community Association, sponsored by Select Nova Scotia, held a special Brunch on March 13th with only local products on the menu. Allison Francis and Bjorn Merzbach enjoyed sharing the tasty meal with their daughter Alexis. (Harrington Photo)

Brunch Features Local Foods

By Linda Harrington

A Brunch was held on March 13th, at the Great Village Legion Hall, celebrating the vast choice of foods we are fortunate to have at our finger tips. Hosted by the Great Village Community Association and sponsored by Select Nova Scotia, the meal featured an impressive variety of tasty local products.

The menu included eggs fresh from Farm Gate and bacon from Nature Script Farms. The baked beans were Maritime grown and made with local maple syrup and onions grown from seed at Lowland Gardens. The blueberry muffins were prepared using Millen's farm blueber-

ries. Honey was from Tony Phillips and the strawberry jam was made using Bowers' berries. The apples and juice were from the Annapolis Valley. The plates were garnished with lettuce from The Garden of Bashan in Debert.

There was a mini-market, with several tables featuring many other local products. Bags of turnips, donated by Harold and Patti Sharpe, were also for sale. A presentation, on form and color in the garden, by Arthur Haskins had everyone looking forward to getting to work in their own gardens.

If you missed the brunch, you can still enjoy plenty of local foods at your grocery store, farm or farmer's market.

Heritage Night at Colchester Historical Society

By Melanie Ballard

On February 25 the Colchester Historical Society celebrated their 30th Heritage Night with an open house and presentation of Heritage Awards. Angus and Margaret Hamilton were honoured for their genealogy. The McCurdys of Clifton/Old Barns, which includes a thorough history of the McCurdy clan.

They took inspiration from earlier works on the McCurdys to do a more thorough history of the ancestors and descendants of Matthew

& Eliza (Archibald) McCurdy, from whom all the McCurdys of Old Barns and Clifton can trace their ancestry. Museum Curator Aidan Norton presented the award on behalf of sponsor Babbling Brook Gourmet Food and Gifts.

Other award recipients were Kenneth Cox for The Riversdale Book 1820-1930, and Beth Johnston for preservation of the Balmoral Kirk, formerly St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at the Falls.

Melanie Ballard is Chair, Heritage Committee, Colchester Historical Society

Chiganois Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

The Pancake Breakfast, held on March 6th, was a huge success. A special thanks is extended to the Truro Bearcats, for making it a special morning for the children, and to all those who helped out in any way. The event raised \$600 for the PTG.

Students enjoyed a variety of Winter Carnival events during the week before March Break. Thank you to the PTG for providing yummy snacks for students and staff.

Congratulations to Breanna Barter and Carrie Blair, Brianna Crosby and Bailey Faulkner. These students will represent the school at the Regional Science Fair on March 30th. Thank you to Mrs. McCarron and Miss Roberts for helping to organize this event.

There is no school on April 2nd (Good Friday) and April 5th (Easter Monday).

Lunch with the Principal for March birthdays will be held on April 7th.



Connor and Brent Rushton (centre) enjoyed a special breakfast recently. They were joined by Truro Bearcat team members Evan Watts, Shawn Wright and Alex Scola (1 to r). Chiganois Elementary School PTG invited the team members to breakfast on March 6th. (Harrington Photo)



Travis Moore, of the Truro Junior A Bearcats, signs a shirt for Calan Merrey during the "Chiganois Breakfast with the Bearcats" on Saturday, March 6th. (Harrington Photo)



Tanya Faulkner (right) and Paul Digout were kept busy flipping pancakes to feed a hungry crowd in attendance at the Chiganois Elementary School breakfast fund raiser. (Harrington Photo)

The School Spring Fundraiser will begin on April 12th. Gift catalogues will be sent home with students, with many items priced under \$20. Thank you for supporting Chiganois Elementary by placing an order.

The next SAC meeting is on April 14th at 6:00PM, followed by the PTG meeting at 7:00PM.

Grade 4 and 5 students will participate in the school Heritage Fair on April 15th. The projects will be available for public viewing, in the gymnasium, from 2:45-3:30PM.

A reminder that Earth Day is on April 22nd. Do your part to conserve energy by turning off lights whenever possible.

The monthly Assembly will be held on April 27th.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colchester County will hold a "Wii Bowling School Challenge 2010" on April 30th. Grade Five students, who wish to take part, are asked to gather a minimum of \$5 in pledges. There will be an information presentation for interested students on April 7th.

Mrs. MacIntyre reports that skating finished on March 9th. After school sports continue each week. Congratulations to kilometre clickers Matthew Higgins and Devan Bates for reaching 150km in Kilometre Klub. This popular walking club continues at noon.



Members of the West Colchester Novice Cobras hockey team stopped by Chiganois Elementary School to enjoy breakfast with Truro Bearcat hockey team on Sat., March 6th. (Front, 1 to r) Nathan Merriam, Alec Babineau, Sam Archibald, Brodey Hollingsworth, Matthew Madore, Dana Spence, Halle Faulkner; (Back, 1 to r): Alex Scola, Evan Watts, Cole Hawes, Andrew Harmes, Travis Moore and Shawn Wright. (Harrington Photo)

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