

Debert Military Museum Undergoing \$50,000 Facelift



Past President of the Debert Military Museum, Mike Taylor, sweeps up a bit of dust from the new subfloor at the Museum. Renovations are taking place throughout the Museum, including this kitchen area. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

A new roof was installed last fall, complete with ventilation turbines and the renovations are continuing at the Debert Military Museum.



Several windows in the Debert Military Museum have been enclosed to protect the artifacts from sunlight. Screens are being installed on the outside to protect the glass from vandalism. (Harrington Photo)

Past President Mike Taylor was pleased to give a tour throughout the Museum and show where these renovations are taking place. You could hear the excitement in his voice as he talked about all the changes. "There is a new floor in the library, the ceiling has been redone and the windows are being covered to

protect the artifacts from outside light," he begins. "The windows will have screens put on the outside to protect from vandalism. The Bunker Room has a new floor and wall paneling. The kitchen will have a new floor and ceiling and be upgraded to meet Dept. of Health standards. The washroom is being remodeled to make it wheel chair accessible. New carpet will be installed in the hallways and outside there will be improvements to a wheel chair ramp and railings."

Everywhere you look there seems to be new improvements being made to the Military Museum, which is located in a former H-Hut built in 1939-40.

Contractor Aaron Smith and Greg Singer are working to get all these renovations completed as quickly as possible. The Museum will open for the summer in a few months.

The extensive renovations were made possible because of a \$50,000 grant from the Municipality of Colchester in 2009, as well as money from private donations.



Contractor Aaron Smith (right) and Greg Singer work on dry wall finishing in the washroom at the Debert Military Museum. (Harrington Photo)

Doings @ the Development Centre

By Amy Chapman

It's so nice to have some warm weather and sunshine again to help shake the cabin fever. Speaking of sunshine, our little sunshines brightened the day of the clientele at Shannex Debert Court with a St. Patty's Day visit. Each of the three households was treated to a story by teacher

MJ and some songs by the children.

Because of an unfortunate storm closure, we had to postpone a learning visit from Sassy the cat. She was coming in as part of the "learning about household pets" theme. We are still looking forward to our visit to the Debert Fire hall which is sure to be a blast!

We would like at this time to remind everyone that our school is open from September to June yearly and all children are welcome to join in throughout the school year. If you would like to learn more about us, contact teacher MJ at the centre @ 662-2225.

Remember, a positive thought is the seed of a positive result!

Londonderry Community Council News

By Sally Richard

The pussy willows are out, the snow is gone and the robins are back. During the past couple of weeks our temperatures have even been at times warmer than those in Florida. The topic of conversation these days has definitely been the earlier than usual Spring. Whatever the cause, an El Nino or Global Warming, it feels good to shed winter and to be able to rake the yard in mid March. Dan Richard has his sugar woods in operation at Sutherland's Lake and reports a good season. However, it is early and most folks feel there is a good possibility of more winter yet.

Birthdays are meant to be celebrated. Although there were no public parties at the Center this March, the Council would like to take this opportunity to wish some of our senior citizens special birthday greetings, Margaret Barnes, Londonderry Station, turned "39" again. Ruth Casey, also of the Station, celebrated with her family. Harold and Gerald Cooke, Lornevale, celebrated their 75th with family at Harold's daughter Marie's home in Truro. Bertha Johnson, Londonderry and Shep Scott, Sutherland's Lake, celebrated their special day quietly. Best wishes to James Mosher, formerly of Londonderry, on his 70th which was celebrated by family and friends at a party in Springhill. Belated wishes to Mae MacLean who celebrated her birthday on Valentine's day.

The last of three winter breakfast brunches was held at the Community Center on March 20. Thanks for supporting this fundraiser and thank you to all the workers who volunteered their Saturday mornings to make the

Risha Rushton accepts a \$32,000 full scholarship to the University of Saskatchewan

4-6 pm. Take outs are available. Watch for a penny sale planned for May.

Our postmistress, Valerie Rushton, is elated and extremely proud of her daughter's accomplishments. Risha, who presently attends Mount Allison University on scholarship, Risha recently accepted a full scholarship for \$32,000 to attend the University of Saskatchewan. She will do research under Dr. Bram Noble in the field of environmental impact assessment. This is a two year program and Risha will graduate with her Master of Arts in Geography and Planning. Congratulations, Risha. You are a role model to students in our community.

The monthly meeting will be held on April 11 at 7 pm. New members are needed. Card parties are held on Monday nights at 7 pm. Tea, coffee, cheese and donuts are served. Contact Amanda Langille for hall rental inquiries 668-2300.

brunches possible. The winner of the 50/50 draw in the sum of \$48.00 was Jill MacMullen. An Easter egg hunt and party for children was held on March 21. The Easter Bunny was able to hop by for a visit with the little ones. Our annual Pork Dinner will be held on April 18 from

School's out in 3 months

By Joann Michelin

Well, March Break is over and we only have three months of school left. Where does the time go? They say time flies when you are having fun. So, that explains it for our center. We celebrated March by trying different snack items. The classes were very adventurous. Then we had visits from Rebecca Michelin who works for the Hope's Rehabilitation Center outside of Dartmouth. She

brought us Cornelius, the snake, Julie the skunk and a couple more of their friends. We had visits from Deanna Fields, a local Doctor and Alexander's mom. She told us how to take of ourselves. Then we had a visit from Jennifer Mackay, a vet who brought in her dog, Olivia and told us about how to take care of our animals. We thank all these people.

Next month we will be discovering all the excitement

spring can bring us, and we hope this weather stays.

We are holding registration for our next year, so check out our ad and join us if you are looking for a fun and stimulating experience for your preschooler. Until next month...

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Bel Kaufman

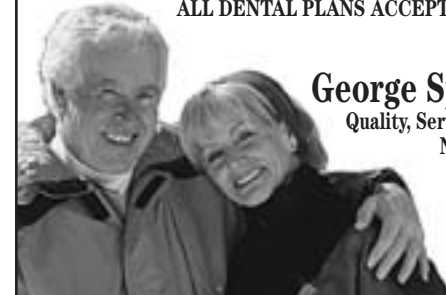
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