



Megan Wynn(#23) shoots for a basket against the Pugwash Panthers. The CCJHS Bears won their Invitational Tournament on Feb 18th & 19th and finished top place in their Division. (Harrington Photo)

Love, Laughter & Learning Centre Holding Open House



Children gather round Miss Paula at the Love, Laughter & Learning Centre for story time. An Open House will be held at the Learning Centre on April 16th. (Harrington Photo)



The Love, Laughter & Learning Centre held some outdoor Winter Carnival activities recently. Enjoying fun times in the snow were (left to right):Tobey Shannon, Julian Blenkhorn, Faith Taplin, Shawnn Alexander, Rachelle Benette, Breanna Griffiths, Chris Alstrup, Hunter Shellito, Lucas Hamilton, Sloan McLean, Carl Elliott, Samuel Pulley. (submitted)

By Linda Harrington

The Love, Laughter & Learning Centre is located at 11265 Hwy#2, in Masstown. Owner, Paula Weatherbee is pleased to be holding an Open House on Wednesday, April 16th from 6:30 until 7:30PM.

“Everyone is welcome to stop by and have a look around the Love, Laughter & Learning Centre,” says Miss Paula. “We are a licensed facility, and staff are graduates of the Early Childhood Education program.”

The bright, attractive environment gives a fresh approach to playschool learning. The Love, Laughter & Learning Centre is equipped with several activity centres including dramatic play, block play, arts & crafts, sand & water and math & science.

There is fenced in outdoor play space for basketball, hockey, a bike path and many more outdoor activities.

Children are provided with a healthy snack each day. Field trips are held throughout the

Alternate Energy Firms Push Greater Government Interest

By Orville B. Pulsifer

A consortium of small business firms working to launch the grass fuel pellet industry in the Maritimes told the Senate Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources yesterday that governments must be encouraged to show stronger support if the new industry is to grow and prosper.

The firms, Grapell Bioenergy, Truro; LST Energy, Pictou and Sobenco Engineering, Hopewell, P.E.I., told the Senate Committee that their quest to enlarge the use of grass as fuel could result, over time, in more than 40,000 average sized homes in Nova Scotia alone, being heated with local grown hay rather than imported fossil fuel from offshore.

The consortium also noted that burning grass fuel pellets can result in reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by up to 90% while effecting up to 50% or more fuel cost reduction, depending on varying costs of fossil fuels.

They also pointed out that effective combustion systems developed here in the Maritimes by their firms could enjoy export opportunities beyond Atlantic Canada and “right across North America.”

Speaking on behalf of the group, Orville Pulsifer of the Grapell firm, noted that innovators and inventors like Gus Swanson of LST and Andrew McCabe of Sobenco, had worked tirelessly for years to perfect the systems now in use today.

“These men have contributed years of their lives and use of personal and family financial input,” said Mr. Pulsifer, “to start an industry which could be of major economic and social benefit using some 80,000 acres of privately owned fields in parts of Nova Scotia alone. This land is presently doing nothing and earning nothing for anybody!” he said.

“The replacement of imported fossil fuel by locally grown and manufactured grass pellets for space heating could be a tremendous economic and environmental boost for our region in the magnitude of hundreds of millions of dollars,” he noted.

The Senate Committee, chaired by Sen. David Angus, is formulating a major policy paper on Canada’s energy future over the next decade. It will hold hearings in other Maritime centers later this week.

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MacCaull Villa Notes

By Hazel Hill

Allen Rouilston is in Colchester Regional Hospital. St. James United Church choir was here on Thursday evening, March 10th.

Bernice Kaulback has been sick with the cold for some weeks, but is much better and able to get out again. She spent Sunday afternoon with Bud & Linda Morrison. Shannon MacAloney fell and cracked a small bone in her ankle. She has a cast on and is doing well.

George Cook and friends were here on March 16th for an evening of music and song.

We extend our sympathy to Barbara & Ella Kenney in the passing of their sister, Joan

Kennedy Carter in Perth, Ontario. The Kennedy family were former residents of Great Village.

Barb and Art Muise visited Bernice Kaulback on Sunday afternoon and after that Bernice was taken out to supper with Bud and Linda.

On March 3rd Ferguson Hill, Scottsdale, Arizona spent a few days visiting with our family, returning to Arizona on March 8th. Shirley Ryan attend the birthday supper of her grandson in Little Dyke on March 14th.

Visiting me Sunday, March 20th was Lawrence Robinson, Maitland and on the same day Shirley Ryan has a phone call from her sister-in-law, Niamoi from Florida.



Kenny Bowers, Paris Conrad, Ethan Andrews, Ryan Rector and Julian Blenkhorn are enjoying some creative playtime in the dress-up corner at the Love, Laughter & Learning Centre. (Harrington Photo)

Aboriginal Theatre Coming to Millbrook First Nation

Colchester Counties newest live theatre is coming to Millbrook First Nation. Construction has begun across from the Glooscap Heritage Centre to set the stage. This will be a wonderful new venue with the first performances expected to start in January 2012. “We have started the process of scouting talent to hire the actors and have recently opened the competition for Artistic Producer,” says Executive Director Joyce Mingo. This theatre group will be adapting Glooscap Legends to perform original aboriginal theatre productions at first but once the space is created the opportunity for other performances will be wide open.

Any First Nation person interested in learning about being part of an aboriginal theatre is invited to attend a three

week intensive training program at the Ross Creek Centre for the Arts May 9 - May 29, 2011. Everyone accepted into the program will be provided food, accommodation at the Ross Creek Centre, and special professional theatre sessions in Halifax. This special opportunity will provide specialized training in both technical production and performance. No previous experience is necessary but space will be given to those that demonstrate both a lot of potential and personal interest.

The Glooscap Heritage Centre is accepting applications. If you are interested in submitting your name or finding out more you may contact Joyce 843-3493 or read more about it on the Glooscap Heritage Centre website; www.glooscapheritagecentre.com.



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