



At the Double C Truckstop in Masstown one never knows what unusual load they will find in the parking lot. On this day, two trucks with long oversized loads were staying overnight, because they were not permitted to travel at night. (Rees Photo)



On February 26, Shoreline Publisher, Maurice Rees captured this long large load which had originated in Northeastern New Brunswick heading to Newfoundland via Halifax, where it would be loaded onto a Roll on, Roll off ship. Overall the unit had 13 axles. (Rees Photo)



There would be less tension and apprehension to be following this long extra wide load, than meeting it on a narrow highway, even if the speed was less than you had originally planned to travel. Parked at Double C Truckstop the crew from this unit were enjoying a good meal, before heading to the Port of Halifax. (Rees Photo)

Holocaust Remembrance Service – April 28th

By Ken Jamieson

As spring rolls in, the Veterans Memorial Park is preparing for another year. Should the weather agree there will be a cleanup to the gardens and surrounding areas come mid April. The first service will be held on April 28 beginning early evening. Holocaust Remembrance service reminds of a dark time in our history, a time we must never forget. As we get closer to the

date posters will be put up around the community.

Next will be the International Day of United Nations peacekeepers. This will be held on June 7th this year so as not to interfere with the valleys Apple Blossom Festival. We will again have a Motorcycle Parade, with veterans and RCMP from various groups taking part.

Following will be the

marching parade which will be lead by the RCMP Pipes and Drums. Again they will be joined by veterans, serving military and police, and different cadet corps from around the area. There will be a reception following the service at WCCS and students at the school are working hard to put some projects together.

If you or anyone you know would like more information

Springhill to Become Part of Municipality of Cumberland

Springhill residents are getting a shocking 125th birthday present after council voted to apply to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board to dissolve the town and become part of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland on April 1, 2015. John Leefe, former Mayor of Queens Municipality and a provincial cabinet minister has

been appointed to oversee the transition.

Mayor Max Snow said the town's finances should not come as a surprise to residents. He said the town does not have the money to pave its streets, has a substantial debt in its operational and capital budgets and water utility and already has among the highest property taxes in the province.

Are you dipping into next year's wood?

By Peter Christensen

Hellllo froooooom the fire hallllll. You guessed it I'm cold and it is the middle of March already!

What the heck is this about? I would guess by now most wood burning houses have gotten down to their reserves on dry fire wood.

The amount of flue fires has been steadily increasing across the board of late and with all the winds a blowin it makes for some tense scenes for brigades as well as home owners. The problem with this late winter is I know some of my friends are dipping into next year's wood, which may or may not be entirely dry, so more creosote is created to complicate matters.

My order of wood is ready to be delivered soon, and I will have loads of dry wood next winter. Dry wood and a clean flue, the beginnings of a beautiful winter solstice.

At least things are still warm and busy at the hall. Last week training involved the use of darkness and breathing apparatus. And I hear the job of finding the hapless victim of a fire scene, was an experience for some of the newer members.

I can vouch that the training involving full turnout gear and breathing apparatus can and is an intense part of fire training. You have a black bag over your face mask, it is pitch black in the rooms which you are instructed to search for

the person or fire, and you have to keep your team mate attached to your leg at all times.

Ok, start at the door way, turn left or right, sweep and search, tag the wall don't leave it, use your arms and stay low, do not stand up, yell to your partner all the times, you are lead searcher, and you have the enviable job to keep them with you.

Then you get lost in a hall way, take your time, retrace your route in your mind, feel the heat, listen for someone moaning, a child crying, check behind doors, check the beds, and closets, check and recheck. Ok, you have found the victim, one hundred and eighty pounds of dead weight. Now your partner begins to help, drag, go back, drag, go back, stay low, retrace, keep your partner with you, and drag again.

Finally you get to the doorway. Don't stand up yells your training instructor, stay low, get your victim to a safe distance. There goes your alarm on your air bottles. Time is up boys.

And that is only the first session of training that night.

The life of a volunteer fireman is full of training, and for the sake of his or her communities, they continue to answer the calls for help. Thank you from the hall.

Keep your pipes clean, and join us at the hall and join up, every Monday evening.

Spring is busy time for United Church Groups

By Christine Urquhart

The Debert UCW ladies are hosting Chowder Luncheons every Wednesday in April, at the Debert Fire Hall from 11:30 - 1pm. You get the choice of corn or fish chowder with biscuits, rolls and crackers, tea, coffee or juice and homemade desserts for only \$8 for adults! Take outs are available.

Masstown UCW will hold their next meeting on April 3rd, 7pm, at the Masstown United Church. The program is a Blind Auction and everyone is invited! If you have

never been to a blind auction this is how it works: each person brings at least one item wrapped up in paper (or a gift bag) and the items are placed on a table. Auctioneer Paula Digout then takes bids on each item, which is sold to the highest bidder. The "winner" of the item then gets to open it and see what they bought.

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sending a child to camp, donating to the Food Bank, giving to the Christmas Index program, etc.)

The DGM Men's Club will meet on Saturday April 5th at 8am at the Double C Restaurant in Lower Debert. All men welcome! They have a lot of fun at these meetings and breakfast too!

There will be two Coffee Parties in April, one on Wednesday April 9th and the other on Wednesday April 30th. Coffee Parties all start at 2pm, there is always a Bake Table and there is a great play room for the children. Everyone is welcome at these fun events and if you like to quilt, come early!

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