

## Farm Safety Workshop held in Wolfville



Many farmers attended the Farm Safety Workshop in Wolfville sponsored by the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture and Farm Safety of Nova Scotia. There has been an average of 104 agricultural related deaths across Canada in the period from 1990 to 2008 of which 14% have been children of farming families. (Submitted)

By **Maurice Rees**

In celebrating Canadian Agricultural Safety Week, Farm Safety Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture hosted "Safety Starts with Communication," a one-day workshop aimed at highlighting the importance of communication on the farm. Featured speaker Margarita Caropresi, Director & Chief Editor of *AtocTli*, an enterprise aimed at improving communication and welfare of migrant farm workers in Canada, shared her extensive experience with migrant agricultural workers.

In the 18 years from 1990 to 2008, there have been 1,975 accidental agricultural deaths were recorded in Canada. Among those fatalities, 47% were farmer/owner operators and 14% were their children, with 104 annual average deaths on farms, or 12.9 people per 100,000 farm employees.

Farm Safety Nova Scotia advocates for farmers on health and safety matters and pro-

vides training and education opportunities, as well as necessary resources to improve safety performance on the farm. Farm Safety Nova Scotia continues to work to achieve safe farming, safe families and safe employees by establishing a culture of health and safety within our farming community.

The Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture (NSFA) with offices in Truro represents the interests of over 2400 farm families in Nova Scotia. Founded in 1895 to provide Nova Scotia's farm community with a single voice, the NSFA is the province's only general farm organization.

The Society of Farm Safety Nova Scotia is a farmer driven not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing workplace health and safety within the Nova Scotia agricultural industry. Founded in 2010, Farm Safety Nova Scotia's membership consists of registered farm members of the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture.

## Great Village Elementary Notes

By **Linda Harrington**

Abby Thompson received an award for her poster that was entered in the Grade 2/3 competition of the Nova Scotia Recycles Contest. Abby's thoughtful and creative poster was selected from entries from Cumberland, Colchester and East Hants counties. She will receive a prize package and GVES will receive a cheque for \$250.00 to be presented at an awards banquet in April. Way to go Abby!

A former student, Ryan Spencer recently captured the title at a regional spelling bee in Halifax, earning the right to attend the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. and a \$5000.00 educational bursary. All the best to Ryan, he will be an excellent ambassador, representing our province in Washington this May. (Ryan is currently in Grade 7 at WCCS and is the son of GVES custodian Glenn Spencer, and grandson of noon supervisor Joyce Spencer.)

There are currently sixteen Grade Primary students registered for the 2014-15 class. If you know of any students at any grade level planning to move into our area please let the school now as registration numbers will be used to determine the number of teachers assigned to our school, and class assignments. Current enrollment is 52 students.

Home & School members arranged for the delivery of delicious snacks and other special treats for all staff members to enjoy during Staff Appreciation Week. Teachers were especially pleased with

the piece of art personalized by the students. This thoughtfulness was appreciated and enjoyed by all.

This month students completed an activity that demonstrated caring for people outside the immediate school community. All students made a special valentine in the form of a postcard. These special messages were delivered through the Great Village Post Office to seniors in our communities on Valentine's Day.

African Heritage Month is observed each February to remember and honour people descended from the movement of people from Africa. Throughout the month, activities were completed in all areas of the curriculum in all classrooms to make connections to African Heritage. Examples of activities included exploring instruments from a variety of cultures and responding to the music of these cultures, highlighting famous black athletes during the Olympics, viewing Google images of Africville, and sharing and reflecting from a variety of children's literature, including stories about Nova Scotians Portia White and Viola Desmond.

Students participated in stations to celebrate February's virtue of friendship. While in their Peace Groups, students made a friendship bracelet, played a game of Pictionary, listened to a story, and made a Valentine's craft. For a recess snack on this day, students enjoyed a smoothie. Plans to go skating in the afternoon had to be rescheduled due to an earlier school cancellation on

Valentine's Day.

The week prior to March Break was "Peace Week". In addition to special activities each day, there was an emphasis on behaviours that support a peaceful environment for working and playing. Students identified the following behaviours as the essential ones for a successful week: share, use kind words, helpful hands, remember to use manners and solve problems peacefully.

On Monday, students dressed in their favourite beachwear and enjoyed fun summer games during Physical Education classes. On Tuesday, students wore a pair of silly socks to school and got to show them off at the "sock hop" in the gym at the end of the day.

On Wednesday, students wore their favourite team's jersey or logo. Students who participated in a morning walk around the school property had a chance to win a winter hat. Later that day, students travelled by bus to the West Colchester United Arena in Debert for skating. Family members were invited to come skating, too.

Thursday was Pajama Day, so students could roll out of bed and come to school in their pajamas. Thanks to the Classroom Café, a complete breakfast of scrambled eggs, muffin, juice and a selection of fresh fruit was provided free of charge.

Members of the Home & School are planning to hold a popcorn fundraiser in the next month and a family dance has been scheduled for May 2, from 6:30-8:30, with a DJ in attendance.

## 50<sup>TH</sup> CFUW Book Fair on May 23 and 24

By **Jody Sutherland**

The Truro Branch of CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women) will be holding its 50th Book Fair May 23 and 24, 2014 at the Truro Curling Club. This sale of second hand books started as a fund raiser for the club's contribution to Truro's centennial library. Since then over \$273,000 has been grossed from these fairs.

Now, 50 years later, a new library is being planned for Truro, and once again the proceeds from the Book Fair will go towards this new library. Through the years, the proceeds have gone

to support a variety of local needs - most notably bursaries and scholarships for women continuing their education.

Over the years the CFUW Book Fair has become an annual event anticipated, not only by local residents, but by book dealers across the province.

Book fair organizers are looking at ways to gain recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Book Fair. Their archives contain an abundance of clippings and photos of past fairs. For more information contact:

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## Debert Legion Notes

By **Danny Martell**

The hours of operation for the Branch are as follows: Closed-Sunday, Monday and Tuesday; Open on Wednesday from 4:30 PM to 10 PM; Open Thursday from 4:30 PM to 10 PM; Open Friday from 3 PM to 12 Midnight; Open Saturday from 4 PM to 9:00PM.

Crib is played on Wednesday night from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Darts are held on Friday nights, starting at 7:30 PM.

Friday Night Suppers are held from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

Executive Meeting of the Branch are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and start at 7:30 PM sharp. The General Meetings of the Branch are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the auditorium and start at 8 PM sharp and all members are urged to attend these meetings.

The Friday Night Suppers are going along in high gear and are proving to be a huge success, thanks in part to Betty Hill and her Friday Night helpers and we cannot forget the Thursday morning staff, who do a lot of peeling and preparation for the Friday feast. To all, a very heart felt thank you.

If you haven't tried a supper, give yourself a treat and come on out. The cost is only \$10.00 for an adult and children under 12 years of age it is only \$5.00 with supper starting at 4:30 PM and run until 6:30 PM.

The menu for the next few weeks is as follows: Friday, March 21st, Roast Pork; Friday, March 28th, Chicken; Friday, April 4th, Fish; Friday, April 11th, Roast beef. The Legion will be closed on Friday, April 18th for Good Friday; Friday, April 25th, Pork; Friday, May 2nd, Chicken; Friday, May 9th, Fish and Friday, May 16th it will be Roast Beef.

To you, the people who drop in and have supper (support us), thank you very much. Your support is appreciated. To the members of the Branch, please feel free to drop off some vegetables if you wish, they will go a long way in helping defray the costs of putting on the suppers.

The Winter Carnival has come and gone for another year and it was a resounding success.

The winning team was the Blue side with the Gold Team coming in second, the Green Team was third and the Black Team away back. To be totally honest, they were all winning teams.

The Gift Card Raffle was a big success, it was won by Angie Glen and she donated it to the Bar. Thank you, Angie. A very special thank you is passed along to the kitchen staff for all the excellent foods you provided.

To the organizing committee and the team captains, thank you very much for your hard work in helping make the Carnival the huge success it was. To Bobby Pash and Mandy Slack, thank you. The music was by a DJ and it was excellent. Thank you to the DJ. Let's hope next year is bigger and better.

An up and down look at the standings in the Crib League show Debbie Cock and Ron Eastcott pegging along and alone in

first place with 1167 points. Holding down second place is Irene Blenkhorn and Jo-Ann Bartlett, with 1188 points. Rounding out the top three is Jimmy MacKinnon and Terry Slack with 1226 points. Joe Rohback/Yvon Thout are tied with Irene and Jo-Ann for Most Winnings Nights, they each have three. Debbie/Ron are tied with Leslie Fulton/Dan Martell for Most Hidden Scores, they each have four. There has been twenty-six, 24 hands and Earl Harvey leads the way with four. (Thanks Earl)

We (Branch 106) had two teams in the Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Provincial Play-Offs held at Branch 26 in Truro, and the Teams of Earl Harvey/Eugene Adshade and Bobby Pash/Tom Manley were playing in bad luck with bad cards and they did not do very good. Enough said!

The Dart League standings show Team 5, with Chris McLean, Mike Hamilton and Dawn Hatt running away from the pack with 128 points. Team 1 with Ron Eastcott, Marilyn Dykens and Mike Giles are a distant second with 103 points. 3 points back and holding down 3rd spot is Team 4 with Skip Dawson, Deanna Martell and Larry Hatt, they have 100 points.

High Start for the Men is Skip Dawson and Craig Fraser with 160, for the Girls it is Dawn Hatt with 120. High Finish (M) Bill Hawker- 115, (L) Deanna Martell- 90, High Score (M) Bill Hawker- 145, (L) Marilyn Dykens- 144, Most Starts (M) Bill Hawker- 126, (L) Dawn Hatt- 75, Most Finishes (M) Bill Hawker-74, (L) Dawn Hatt- 47. There has been 6, 180's, Bill Hawker and Mike Hamilton have 2 each while Dawn Hatt and Craig Fraser have one each.

Most Tinkles, (M) Dave MacPhee with 179 for the Girls it is Dianne Rushton with 167. Least Tinkles (M) Ron Eastcott. For the Ladies it is Dawn Hatt with 67. (Thanks Craig)

Happy Birthday wishes for March are passed along to Linda Slack, James Patton, Irene Blenkhorn, Eric McCully, Larry Martell, Dan Martell, Louise Bernard, Sharon Kyle, Anna Adams, Loyis Crocker, Mike Taylor, Ralph Turner (Sr.) and Isabel Mellroy.

Please don't forget to thank a Veteran. It is because of their sacrifices we are able to enjoy our freedom and our Country. Please say a prayer for our troops who are serving in foreign countries and their families.

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