

## Merchandise Bingo a Sell-out Success!

The annual merchandise bingo in support of the Great Village Fire Brigade Auxiliary, held March 9, was a huge success. (Harrington Photos)



Pat Spencer was one of the first to yell BINGO and take home a nice gift basket.



Harold Dominix was very lucky at the Great Village Fire Brigade Auxiliary Merchandise Bingo.



Cheryl Slack(center) presents Dakota Smith with the beautiful door prize, a hand bag made and donated by Cathy Mazur (left).



Shirley Eagles (left) and Shirley Webb often enjoy a good game of bingo and each were pleased to take home a prize by night's end.



Fred Richard did a great job as bingo caller at annual Merchandise Bingo in support of the Great Village Fire Brigade Auxiliary held on March 9th.

## Merchandise Bingo

By Linda Harrington

Get your tickets early next year, if you want to attend the annual merchandise bingo in support of the Great Village Fire Brigade Auxiliary. The Legion Hall started filling up an hour before the 7:30 start time on March 9th, despite a nasty night for driving.

Fred Richard did a great job as bingo caller and there were lots of happy winners by the night's end.

Dakota Smith was the lucky winner of the beautiful door prize, donated by Cathy

Mazur and Linda Harrington won the 50/50 draw. The half time lunch was a feast fit for royalty.

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone for attending and pass along a special thank you to those who prepared food for the lunch and donated prizes, including Millen's Berries, Bower's Berries, Cooper's Berries, Masstown Market and Wilson's Gas. Regular Legion Bingo is held each Tuesday at the Legion Hall in Great Village.

## Chorale Concert at The Hall

By Patricia Burke

The Parrsboro Band Association will present their second Chorale Concert, 'A Celebration of Voice' at The Hall, 44 King Street, Parrsboro, Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 7 pm. The Concert will feature The Parrsboro Citizens Choir, The Parrsboro Elementary School Choir and 4 Fun Quartet.

Admission will be \$5 per person.

Tickets are available at Ken's Grocery, T-Shirtery, Harrisons Home Hardware, Sweet Brier Boutique and Wheatons Irving all in Parrsboro. As well as at the door.

Canteen will be available. Mark this date on your calendar.

## Clifton 4-H Completed Club Rally

By David McCurdy

Clifton 4-H completed the Club Rally and selected members to compete at the upcoming County Rally.

The Clifton 2015 4-H team includes:

**Junior Category (Speeches):** Aleah Lane - Speech; Tasha McNutt -Introducing Speaker and Jaclyn Sherry - Thanking Speaker; **Junior (Single Demonstration):** Caleb McCurdy; **Junior (Double Demonstration):** Megan Smith & Victoria McKeen;

**Intermediate Speech:** David Sandeson; **Senior Speech:** Taylor Masters.

Other team members include: **Senior Double Demonstration:** Gillian Blackburn & Ella McCurdy;

**Senior Impromptu Speech:** Taylor Masters and Hostess Competition: Marla McNutt

The competition is scheduled for April 11, 2015 at South Colchester Academy in Brookfield. Best wishes to all!

David McCurdy is reporter for Clifton 4-H Club.

## Damage Estimated in Excess of \$3-Million

Due to the large number of major snow storms the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture is collecting information from farmers who have experienced losses caused by this year's winter

weather. As of March 22nd, the estimated cost of damage to agricultural structures from snow is well over \$3,000,000. Damaged structures include greenhouses, livestock barns, maple sap collecting systems

and machine storage buildings. The cost of mitigating snow damage is not included in the estimated damage costs.

The Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture rep-

resents the interests of over 2400 farm families in Nova Scotia. Farmers who haven't reported snow damage on their farm and would like to do so can check out [nsfafane.ca/news-events/report-snowdamage/](http://nsfafane.ca/news-events/report-snowdamage/) or call the Federation office.

## Solid Waste Management Regulations to Change

By Maurice Rees

If you are concerned about the Environment you may be interested in "What We Heard", a report on proposed changes to Nova Scotia's solid waste management regulations which was released by NS Department of Environment on March 24th.

Environment Minister Randy Delorey said, "After 20 years, stakeholders agreed

changes to the regulatory framework are needed to further enhance the economic and environmental sustainability of our systems".

The program requires businesses to take responsibility for the cost of recycling their products. In general, feedback on the amendments was positive and most participants supported expanding producer responsibility to more

products. Small business owners and newspaper publishers are seeking exemptions.

Among proposed changes, Nova Scotians were also asked to provide input on: adding more items to disposal bans; expanding tire management programs to include off-road tires; improving compliance and enforcement and making administrative changes to the beverage con-

tainer deposit-refund program.

The department will continue to engage with interested groups on the amendments to be given to government later this year. If approved, changes would be phased-in over the next five years.

The report can be found at [www.novascotia.ca/nse/waste/docs/Solid-Waste\\_What%20We%20Heard-Report\\_March%202015.pdf](http://www.novascotia.ca/nse/waste/docs/Solid-Waste_What%20We%20Heard-Report_March%202015.pdf)

## Debert Elementary School Notes

By Erma Cox

Wow! Snow, Snow and More Snow seemed to be the order for the month. Students at Debert Elementary have returned from March Break seeming somewhat relieved to have an opportunity to be back together with their friends. I guess the storms kept most of us house bound and we all are looking forward to spring weather.

Our downstairs hall continues to showcase "Bucket Fillers" within the school. On a daily basis we have students and teachers noting positive things that are done to fill one another's buckets. It is great to hear all the positives that occur within our school as these are truly the qualities that will make us better mem-

bers of the community.

We would like to congratulate Mrs. MacPherson who has been honored this month by the CCRSB as an outstanding teacher. This award recognizes teachers whose work exemplifies the 2015 Education Week theme, Schools as Communities: Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors, and is worthy of provincial recognition. Recognition is also given to Ms. Brownell who recently was nominated as a "Teacher Who Makes a Difference". We are proud to have both of these teachers in our school.

We would also like to congratulate all members of the West Colchester hockey teams who recently won a number of tournaments over

March Break. Their success has certainly been a hot topic of conversation within the school.

Our skating lessons have come to an end but with every end there is a new beginning. The new beginning for our students is a bike program being sponsored by CALA. Starting on April 9th we will have a number of students and their parents participating in an eight week Making Tracks program that will promote bike safety and physical activity. Our Grade two/three class will be participating in a Swim program during the month of April and our Grade four class is off to their first Agricultural Day. The grade five class finished their dragon marionettes and they recently completed their foil coat of arms.

We have been very fortunate to have the additional support of Heather Boutilier as an Educational Assistant over the past few weeks. Unfortunately her placement finishes on March 31st and I am sure that staff and students will be very sorry to see her go. We wish her well in the future and hope that we can have her return to support our students as a substitute as we finish out this school year.

PTG is planning for a Vesey bulb sale in April. Although much snow has to disappear before we get in the planting mood we hope to have a successful spring sale as the funds from this event will allow us to expand our ever popular garden.

Happy Spring Everyone!

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