

Great Village Legion Hoping to Expand Facilities



Every other week the Great Village Legion Branch #72 hosts a Jam Session on Sunday afternoons. The Legion Hall has been booking so many activities lately, members are thinking it might be time to expand. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

Expansion is not a word often heard around Legions in Canada but Branch #72 in Great Village is seriously thinking it might be time. Fred Richard says the Legion Hall has become “the

place” for events in the community. “With the loss of the Mason’s Hall and local Community Center the Legion has been getting booked very often,” says Fred as he looks over a very full calendar. “We have 26 groups

booked for the month of April alone. CALA, the Fire Brigade, Historical Society...anything that is held here in the community.” The Legion does not charge rent but accepts donations to offset heat and electricity.

A committee has been formed to look at the possibility of expansion, with George Hudson as chair. George says if the back wall of the main room was moved to line up with the kitchen wall, a total of 900 more square feet of space would be available. Besides increasing the area in the main room, this added space would allow for a larger kitchen and more storage for the wreaths and poppies.

So far the expansion is in the planning stages, until approval is received. “If we get the green light to go ahead, there will have to be fund raisers to support our Building Fund and we will apply for any grants available,” says Fred Richard. “Stay tuned in the coming months and we should know

if the expansion is going to happen and then we would greatly appreciate any community support.”



What a sweet young girl! With kind hearts like this, the Great Village Legion might be able to expand their Hall. Marissa McFadyen donated an Easter basket of goodies and sold tickets to help support the Great Village Legion Building Fund. (Harrington Photo)

CCRSB Teen Reader’s Choice Award

The Chignecto-Central Regional School Board’s (CCRSB) Teen Reader’s Choice Award is back for its fifth year! The award program, facilitated by CCRSB Library Services, invites students in grades 7 to 12 to read at least one book from the Top 10 and then to vote for their favourite to be crowned the winner.

“The Teen Reader’s Choice Award program encourages students to recognize and read quality literature,” says Jolene Shaw, CCRSB Library Services Manager. “By allowing students to select the win-

ner, they are encouraged to not only read more, but also discuss the books they are reading and voice their opinions.”

The 2016 Top 10 books are: All the Bright Places by Jennifer Niven; Belzhar by Meg Wolitzer; The Crossover by Kwame Alexander; Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon; Greenglass House by Kate Milford; The Impossible Knife of Memory by Laurie Halse Anderson; A Mad, Wicked Folly by Sharon Biggs Waller; Nimona by Noella Stevenson; The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali

Benjamin and Should Hang Out Sometime: Embarrassingly, a True Story by Josh Sundquist

Students are encouraged to read one or more of the Top 10 books between March 8th and May 16th, and to discuss the book(s) in school and online at <http://ccrsb-teenchoice.wordpress.com>. Students will be able to vote for their favourite Top 10 book from May 16th until May 20th. The 2016 CCRSB Teen Reader’s Choice Award winning book will be announced on May 31st with a series of in-school awards ceremonies that week.

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family of 2	Less than \$32,604	\$248.62
family of 3 or more	Less than \$39,123	\$310.78

Gross Income refers to the total gross income from all sources for the calendar year ending December 31, 2015. This must include the income of all members of the household, except full-time students. You should not include income from the following sources:

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