

## Hopes Remain High for Community Centre in Lower Onslow



Doug MacInnes, Councillor Bob White and Ann Fiddes look over some historic photos of the Lower Onslow Church. A meeting was held on Nov. 10th to look into converting the church into a community hall. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

Lower Onslow United Church is closing as a church at the end of this year but members of the community are hoping to keep the building available for a variety of community activities.

A community meeting was held in the basement of Lower Onslow United Church on Nov. 10, with over 30 interested people in attendance.

Doug MacInnes acted as chair for the meeting, with Ann Fiddes as secretary.

Many comments were heard about the need for a community hall in Lower Onslow and discussion centered around how to get this process started.

Bob White, County Councillor for District 9, spoke to the group on ways County Council might be able to help out once a Community Group is established and they have possession of the building.

Keith Hamilton remembered when the church was built back in the 50's and recalled how everyone, including himself, pitched in to help. He assured those at the meeting that the church is a well built structure.

Lower Onslow Playschool has operated out of the church basement for close to forty years and concerns were heard about keeping this valuable asset within the community. The playschool currently has 33 children enrolled.

There was enough support at the meeting to form a committee and to start working on a proposal which will be

brought before the Lower Onslow United Church congregation. The Trustees of the church will then be able to present the proposal to Truro United Church Presbytery, who will make the final decision about disposal of any church property.

Doug MacInnes is hopeful the building will be turned over to the community and he sees great opportunities at hand. "I have lived all my life in Lower Onslow and there are great people here," he said. "There is a man sitting here tonight, who has lived across the road for seven years, and I have never met him before. I hope if we can get this community centre up and going we can hold many events here and we can all get to know each other."

There will be a second community meeting held at the church on November 24, at 7 p.m. Anyone who would like more information is asked to phone Doug MacInnes at 895-2242, or Bob White at 897-7982.



Barbara Wilson was selling all natural Christmas wreaths at the Legion Hall in Great Village during the Farmer's Market Christmas Craft Market held on Nov. 7th. Vendors set up at the Fire Hall and St. James United Church, as well. (Harrington Photo)

## Great Village & Area Notes

By Florence Adams

The Isabelle Pope UCW did not meet in November. The next meeting will be a Christmas meeting in December.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Judy Shay. Judy passed away several weeks ago.

The Christmas Market on Nov. 7 was its usual success.

Eileen Eaton attended the Executive meeting of Truro Presbyterial on November 12th at First United Church, Truro. Brenda Leslie of Middle Musquodoboit chaired the meeting with reports received of the various activities with which UCW's are concerned.

Diane Creelman, of the Supply and Welfare Committee is still collecting many items, which can be recycled or put to some good use. For example, bread tags become plastic rulers; used postage stamps are used by Canadian Bible society. Campbell's soup labels are sent to the Landmark East school in Wolfville.

Wheels to Meals on

November 3rd and 17th was enjoyed by all attending. More people are attending recently.

Verna Storey and Noreen Jones from New Brunswick enjoyed a short visit with their brother, Harry Adams, recently. Recent visitors with Myrtle Kreger and Alice Fulton were Sandra Wesley, Sharon Kyle, Steve and Florence Adams.

My son, David, arrived home from Alberta recently. His wife, Elda, flew out to Alberta and together they visited David's niece Sand and husband, Dean Mushanski in Tofield before driving home.

Eileen Eaton visited the Hospital Auxiliary 2009 Hubhub in Truro on October 31st. She spoke of the variety of tables offered. Money from the Hubhub goes to purchase equipment for Colchester County Hospital.

The Remembrance Day service and parade to the monument for the service was well attended. A number of wreaths were laid. The day was very nice, a distinct difference from the usual November 11th.



Colby Spencer (left) and Autumn Rushton (right) were happy to receive a candy apple treat at the Great Village Community Association Halloween Party on Nov. 24th. (Harrington Photo)

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## Londonderry Community Council News

By Sally Richard

Our Remembrance Day service was held as usual at Memorial Square. Twenty-four wreaths and crosses were placed at the cenotaph. Attendance was down this year. Our sincere thanks goes out to the Great Village Legion Branch #72, Debert Legion Branch #106, and Debert Ladies Auxiliary Branch #106 and the Pipe Band for bringing their service to our community. It was great to see some former residents come out to pay their respects. Art Scott of North River, his wife and son Paul, Wendall Rushton, Nancy and Bill Matthews, Alma Vaughan, Stella and Patsy Matheson, Helen Slack, Kenley, Larry and Ceiliah Mailman all from Truro, as well as Elmer and Ethel MacKinnon of Onslow. Great Village Legion hosted a supper that evening which was filled to capacity. Comrades Walter Perrin and Neil Morash were guest speakers. Both men reminisced their very interesting experiences of war time service overseas. Some of their stories were of the daily hardship of war, the sad events of

losing their comrades and of course some humorous events that helped make it bearable.

A very successful old time dance was held on Saturday night, October 24 at the Community Center sponsored by North Star Masonic Lodge #74. Music was provided by Elmer MacKinnon and "The Acadians". All proceeds from the dance will go towards a CEC Masonic bursary.

Best wishes are sent to Paul Patriquin. Paul is now home and feeling better after a few weeks in a Halifax hospital. Also to Helen Lane of Debert who has not been well lately. Both Audrey Fields and Barbara Potter have had eye surgery in Halifax. Hopefully their vision will improve. Anne Bogle of Nanaimo, British Columbia visited her sister-in-law Charlotte MacVicar recently and enjoyed a country hunters breakfast at the Community Center. The Community Council wish to send their condolences to the family of the late Ruth (MacLean) Lynds who was ill for only a short period of

time. Ruth was part of our school reunion committee and truly enjoyed her involvement in bringing former school mates together for a very successful reunion.

The hunters breakfasts are being well attended. This event will continue every Saturday morning from 8 am-11am until the closing of deer season on December 5. Our Christmas dinner will be served on December 6 from 4-6 pm. Take outs are available. That will conclude our fundraising events until after the new year. There has been

no mention of a children's Christmas party to date. If parents are interested, they should contact our President, Reid MacVicar as soon as possible. The facility and some money will be available to treat the children. All that is needed is interested parents to organize and put on the party.

Our monthly meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month from 7-8 pm. New members needed. Card parties are held on Monday nights at 7 pm. Everyone welcome. Tea, coffee, cheese and donuts are served. Contact Amanda Langille 668-2300 for hall rental inquiries.

## Chiganois Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

Students and staffed raised \$238.88 during Hats On for B.R.A.I.N Child. Well done!

Teachers attended Provincial Conference on October 23rd, with each participating in workshops pertaining to their grade.

Members of the SAC recently attended a workshop at Truro Elementary, where they were given the opportunity to view a new SAC booklet in the works. Members also shared ideas with other SAC groups.

Remembrance Day Service was held on Nov. 10th. Students took part in the service with readings and singing. Keegan Jardine laid a wreath on behalf of the school. Mr. George Cook from the Debert Legion was in attendance.

The Regional Library came to the school on Nov. 16. A Grade 5 ski group meeting will be held on Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Report cards are going home on Nov. 30th. Parent-Teacher visitation will be on Dec. 2nd from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Dec. 3rd from 1 to 3 p.m. There is no school for students on Dec. 3rd or 4th. Teachers will be attending Inservices on the morning of Dec. 3rd and all day Dec. 4th.

Kilometer Klub is held on Monday and Wednesday at recess. Grade 2/3 classes have

gym activities on Monday at noon and on Tuesday at recess. Grade 4/5 classes have gym activities on Monday and Wednesday at noon and on Monday afterschool. Afterschool skating for students from both Chiganois and Old Barns is held at West Colchester Arena each Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m.

The Christmas Concert is scheduled for Dec. 10th at Cobequid Educational Centre, Truro beginning at 7 p.m.. A Holiday Dinner will be held at the school on Dec. 11th, with a storm date of Dec. 14th. Last day of classes before the Christmas holidays is Dec. 18th. Students return on January 4th, 2010.

The PTG Shopping Day for students is planned for Dec. 17th. Please send in any gently used items to the school. Students will have an opportunity to shop for their family, with each item gift wrapped by the PTG before going home.

Mark your calendar for Primary Registration on Thursday, January 28th, 2010. If you have a child who will be turning 5 years of age before Dec. 31st, 2010, and they will be attending Chiganois Elementary in the 2010-2011 school year, please call the school at 662-4420 to book an appointment.

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