

# Chiganois Elementary Notes



Chiganois Elementary students Ava Purdy and Zachary Baird were having a hard time chosing the perfect pumpkin when their Primary Class was touring Blake's Pumpkin Jungle recently. (Harrington Photo)



Ava Purdy, Brandon Garnhum, Noah Nichols and Ella Ripley enjoyed their visit to Blakes Pumpkin Jungle one sunny October day. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

All families of Chiganois are welcome and encouraged to attend skating days at the Debert rink from 4:00-5:00PM. All children must be accompanied by an adult and siblings are welcome. Dates will be December 13th, January 10th, 24th, February 7th, 21st and March 6th. The cost per person is \$2.00 and this is to be paid when you arrive at the rink to Mrs. Keizer. CSA approved helmets must be worn by all children; this includes junior and senior high students.

“Gotcha Winners” drawn at the October monthly assembly were: Isaiah O’Brien, Nolan Swan, Marcus Crossman, Zander McKeigan, Jack MacDonald, Amber Young, Zachary Davidson, Kaelan Bakker, Kirsten Miller, Skylar Rushton, Jaegar Laird, Hannah Rutherford, Abigale Adams, Connor Peterson-Hanalan, Ava Faulkner, Tyler Doucette, Hunter Ferguson,

Stella Rann, Brooke Brown, Brodey Hollingsworth, Katherine Bentham, Peter Altenkirk, Lindsey Smith, Kolby Doucette, Jackson Haight, Zachary Redden-Barron, Johnathon DeBay and Mitchell Rector.

Chiganois Elementary Annual Family Halloween Dance was held on October 27th. Students, staff and even a few parents dressed up for the event, which seemed to be enjoyed by all.

November 30th is Parent Teacher from 6:00-8:00PM followed by a morning in-service on December 1st, with afternoon Parent Teacher visitation. No school for students on this day.

Thank you to all who supported the school fund raiser in November.

A very moving Remembrance Day Service was held on Nov.10th with guest speakers Sandy and Barry Mellish and Sgt. Michael McNeil. Logan McNeil intro-

duced the guest speakers. All grades took part in the service presenting letters, poems and singing.

After school sports are held on Monday (Soccer Baseball) and Tuesday (Nerf Soccer) 3:20- 4:30. Congratulations to the many ‘Sharpshooter Stars OfThe Week’.

Recess activity on Mondays is Kilometre Klub for all ages. Congratulations to recent ‘Kilometre Klickers’, achieving 5K- Olivia MacDonald and Nathan Merriam.

Tuesday at Recess, skipping activities are held for all ages in the gym. Congratulations to the many ‘Skipping Stars of the Week’, who are working on many different jumps, using a skipping rope.

Thursday at Recess is Basketball for Grade 4/5 students. After Xmas, after school sports will be Basketball on Mondays and Floor Hockey on Tuesdays, for students in Grades 3, 4 and 5.

This year’s Christmas Concert will be held at Cobequid Educational Centre, Truro on Dec. 8th beginning at 7PM.

A turkey dinner will be enjoyed by the whole school at noon on Dec. 13th, followed by the monthly school assembly in the afternoon.

Students will be able to shop the Christmas Store on Dec. 14th. Gently used gifts for all ages, men and women, are required and can be dropped off at the school. Wrapping paper, gift bags and tags are also needed and can be dropped off during school hours.

Students will be bused to the Faith Baptist Church in Great Village in the morning of Dec. 16th, followed by an afternoon sing song with hot chocolate and eggnog.

The whole school will be decorating gingerbread people with the principal on Dec. 15.

Last of school before the Christmas holidays is Dec. 16.



Cullen Patriquin happily participates in the November 10th Remembrance Day Service by showing his Canadian pride. (Brooke Vance Photo)



Jack Verheul found himself a hefty pumpkin. Chiganois Elementary Grade Primary students walked to Blakes Pumpkin Jungle on the Shore Road, Masstown and had a great time picking out their own special pumpkin. (Harrington Photo)

# Masstown Community News

By Christine Urquhart

Winter is now upon us and soon Christmas will be here! Many houses are already decorated and others are quickly putting up the “lights, ribbons, bows and boughs” to brighten up both their homes and our spirits! Christmas is such a magical time, especially for children and those of us who are still children at heart.

Are you ready for Christmas? Well, here are two events that will put you in the mood! First, on Saturday December 3rd it’s Breakfast With Santa! Come to the Masstown United Church between 9am and 11am and enjoy a great breakfast of pancakes, choice of either sausage or bacon, and tea, coffee or juice for only \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12 years of age. There will be bake and craft tables, a door prize basket (tickets \$1.00 each) and you can get your photo taken with Santa! Photos are

\$1.00 each. Everyone Welcome! Sponsored by the Masstown UCW.

On Friday December 16th (storm date December 17th) at 6pm, come to the Masstown Community Park for the Christmas Tree Lighting – “Christmas At The Park”! There will be a bon fire, hot chocolate, marshmallows to roast, Christmas carols to sing and Santa may even show up! Everyone is welcome to come and have a fun evening at the Park. Wear warm clothes, the fire only warms one side at a time! This is sponsored by the Masstown Community Association.

Masstown UCW will hold their Christmas meeting and party on December 8th, 6pm at the home of Paula Digout. Ladies are encouraged to come prepared to enjoy themselves!

The DGM Men’s Club will meet together at the Breakfast With Santa on Saturday December 3rd at the

Masstown United Church. Note that the time will be 9am, not the usual 8am for this meeting!

Many of you save your refundables for the Masstown Church. If these are starting to pile up you can take them in to John Ross & Sons and tell them the proceeds are for the Masstown Church. They will keep a tally of what is donated and pay the Church once a month.

We have Mark Stevenson home from Texas for a short stay with his mother Lynda Stevenson and Bob Warning. Holly Reid is home from university visiting her parents Rodney and Joy Reid. Marina Fisher has been visiting some of our residents who no longer live in the community – she was over to Pictou to visit Elizabeth Jennings, at the Mira to visit Ev Jenex and to Townsview Estates to visit Audrey Smith. All enjoyed her visits!

Condolences go out this month to Jim Eisses and his family on the death of his brother, Bert Eisses.

# December Church Service Schedule

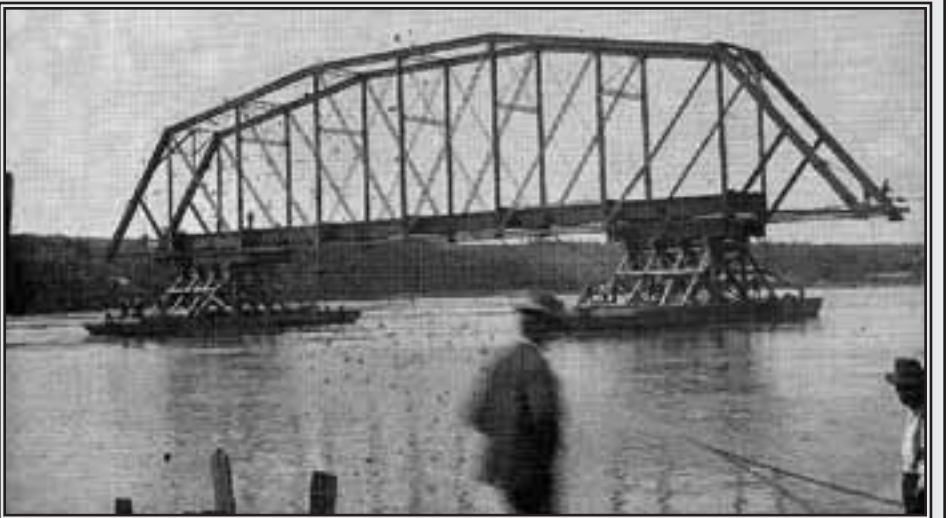
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Church Services throughout the Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge for December is as follows: Masstown, Debert & Glenholme are still all at 10am except for Christmas Eve which is at 7pm. December 4 – Glenholme with Rev. Betty Darby; December 11th is the White Gift service at Masstown, led by Joan Stiles and the Sunday School. December 18th is in Debert with Rev. Allan Darby and there will be communion. December 24 is Christmas Eve! Services will be held in Glenholme at 7pm led by the Worship Committee.

There will be NO service on Jan 1st as this is a visitation Sunday – time to visit with others. Regular services, again at 10am and rotating between the three points, will begin on January 8th, 2012.

# Historic Sites Along The Shore - The Midland Railway Bridge across the Shubenacadie River

The Shoreline Journal, in collaboration with the Colchester Historical Society Archives, have inaugurated an ongoing feature utilizing a combination of the digital “A. F. Church Maps” to pin point the circa 1875 location of a Colchester site of historical importance, and connect it to an archival photograph of that site, in that frame.



By Dick Akerman

The arrow pointer on the 1876 Church map # 308 shows where, in July of 1901, the Dominion Bridge Co. of Montreal, maneuvered the first of the five, two hundred ton structural steel trusses, required to span the 1220 foot wide Shubenacadie River, at Five Mile Creek,

near Green Oak, Col. Co. The construction of this bridge completed the Midland Railroad Company’s line from Truro to Windsor. The spans, which were assembled on two barges, were put in place using only the tidal force of the river to float the structure into place and the outgoing tide to drop it on to the waiting piers.

The structural steel components, fabricated elsewhere, were assembled in a local creek. Using anchors, cables and steam donkey engines, each of these trusses were put into place in an average time of less than two hours. This structure was the only bridge crossing the river between the Village of Shubenacadie and Maitland, until the Goss Highway Bridge, just upstream from this structure, was opened in July of 1979. The demise of the rail line triggered the demolition of the bridge, and all that remains is an observation platform on the Hants Co. side of the river. From the mid 1800’s until 1936, a small ferry operated between Maitland and Black Rock, at the mouth of the river. This photograph was among several produced by Truro photographer Lewis Rice.

Dick Akerman has been compiling information on behalf of the Colchester Historical Museum Archives, which will be published as a monthly column in the Shoreline Journal.



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The Grade 8 class, lead by Cadet Luke Dillman, make their way down to the Veterans Memorial Park on November 10th for the school Remembrance Day Service. (Lacey Gilley Photo)



Maggie Badcock, Ethan Beazley, Ryan Spencer and Dakota Smith (L,R) roast their Banana Supremes during their tache finale for french class outside over a bon fire at school on October 27th. (Lacey Gilley Photo)