



A special thank you to Caitlin Congdon of Great Village for her help with Shoreline Coverage at this year's Pro Show. A member of Onslow Belmont 4-H Club, she won several prizes at the NS Provincial 4-H Show including Champion Senior Heritage, Reserve Champion Draft Showman, Reserve Champion Mane and Tail Braiding and Reserve Champion Cart Class. Caitlin also won the Ed Lorraine Scholarship at the Annual 4-H Scholarship Award Presentation and Auction on Oct. 22nd. The whole Onslow-Belmont club won awards for "Most Improved Club" and "Top Club". (Harrington Photo)

Out and About with Ken

By Ken Kennedy

I am sitting here in my living room waiting for the first forecasted heavy snowfall of the season (Nov. 23rd). So far nothing has happened but I expect early school closures as the day progresses. All in all it has been a very good Fall, don't you think?

November is always a busy month for war veterans and Legion members. On Nov. 6th the Great Village Legion, of which I belong, paraded at the Economy Recreation Center for a church service aptly led by Rev. Antle-Brison. I really enjoyed the trip down the shore with the beauty of the autumn leaves and the good roads now evident. It was a chilly and windy morning and I was a bit amused that, there along the dyke at Highland Village was a lone fisherman trying for the elusive stripped bass. I thought to myself that for sure he wasn't going to be in church this morning and that he must love bass better and most!

(I spoke too soon above. It's 10:30 am and the snow has started. The driveway is already covered. We're supposed to get an inch or more (that's 25-30 cm for the younger generation.)

On Nov. 10th many of the schools held their own services with veterans assisting. I did a service at the H.A. Johnston Manor with Dannie McInnis (UN/NATO), and Randy Fortune (Korea) assisting. That same evening some of our members did a Remembrance service at Wynn Park Villa.

Of course on Nov. 11th it poured from the Heavens so the Legions had to hold their Remembrance activities indoors. Great Village paraded to the church across the street for the 11:00 am service and then to Londonderry community center with the Debert Legion and Five Islands fire hall with the Parrsboro Legion assisting.

The Great Village Legion Remembrance Day banquet was packed out with members of the community being feted for their assistance to the community and Legion activities. Probably the highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Legion's 45-year Long Service Award to 86-year-old former CWAC Madeline McBurney of Economy. A standing ovation ensued.

Speaking of the Great Village Legion, don't forget their fund-raising activities such as the Tuesday evening

bingos and their twice-monthly Wheels to Meals luncheon at noon on the first and third Tuesdays. There is also a Farmer's cheese sale going on as we speak. Please place your Christmas order with any legion member before Dec. 4th. Also please remember we need more members. Membership rules have been relaxed somewhat in the past few years. If you are still in the military or have someone in the military there is a membership dedicated especially to you called, "Military Member-at-Large. Check it out on our website: www.legion.ca/membership.

I was back in Londonderry last Sunday - actually Londonderry Station's Community Church (also known at the "Thirsty Church.") I went over to hear Rev. Henry Boehm of Portauisque, conduct the service that day in lieu of the vacationing Rev. Nathalie Buchanan-Rutherford. What a beautiful little chapel! The service starts at 2:00 pm with a lunch afterwards. Why not drop by and worship with them next Sunday? You will be blessed by their friendliness.

Speaking of church services, the Debert Baptist church is now offering a Sunday evening service at 7:00 pm.

This is a contemporary style service conducted by Pastor Aaron Stevenson and his beautiful wife Sherri (Hebb) Stevenson.

Velma was speaking with George Scott of Little Dyke the other day. George got quite a smash-up this past summer when he and his motorcycle hit a car that was coming out of Upham's in Lower Onslow. He suffered many broken bones and it will take a long time for him to mend.

Wayne Priest covets our prayers as well since he has been taken to Halifax by ambulance, Valerie says by email, to await an angiogram. Wayne has been suffering with heart problems for the past year or so. Wayne became famous when he helped bring his Belmont cultivated Christmas tree harvest to the North and South American market some years ago.

I would suspect that Royce Totten plays the Lotto? In that case he could be a big winner any day now. I say that because he has won free gas at the Masstown Motel XTR gasoline outlet THREE times. He's beaten Harold Rushton by one. Even Georg Zuba didn't think it could happen that often. That goes to show the honesty of the draw.

That's about it for now. Remember to always keep Christ in CHRISTMAS!

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Bass River Fire Brigade News

By Peter Christensen

Well the month has gone bye, bye, as have all the firefighters from the hall. We said our good byes to Blaine and Ronda, as they moved back to Ontario this month.

Before they left they helped to get the last dance of the year on the books. It was an eventful dance with many folks dressing up in costumes for the Hallowe'en mood.

The festive event was a fun one with a little contest for the best costumes. Here is the list of costume winners. In the women's division the winner was Robin Davis, she was dressed as a clown, great outfit.

In the men's division Firefighter Terry Lewis, who came as Bettlejuice. Great legs and those glasses were great.

Honorable mention goes to Greg McGlauglin and Derek Grue, they came

together as a package, and the package was well, ummm, wrapped. Fun times for sure.

Training is going well at the hall, although since our firefighters left for other parts, poor Dave is going through withdrawals, I think. At training last night he kept saying that Ronda was on C-spine at the head of the patient, of course he could have been using the training exercise to keep it real for the patient.

Good job Dave, thanks for keeping it real.

The weather is about to change real soon, so I hope everyone has winter tires on and a good bag of supplies in the trunk of their cars. Being prepared for whatever the winter roads have to offer is important.

The weather can leave us with no power, no heat, no water, no way to cook or keep warm. So being prepared at

home is an essential thing to do. Keep lots of spare batteries and a good radio. Another good investment would be a generator, lots of dry wood, a clean stove pipe and a large clean chimney.

Oh that reminds me, with the thoughts of a big chimney, I just remembered that Santa is coming to the Fire Hall. Yes the old elf has been talking to the fire hall committee on Christmas, and they have decided that Santa will have time to visit the hall on Dec 17 at 1 pm. We will have treat bags for every little one who comes to visit, and also we will have some reindeer feed for Santa's Reindeer.

It is going to be fun, fun fun.

Hope to see you all at the hall December 17th. Well that is it for this month. Keep those pipes clean.

Snow is on the way soon, so drive safely out there, be safe ok cya.

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