



Eugene Adshade served a delicious Roast Beef Supper to Wayne and Mona Sibley. The Friday Night Legion Suppers have been put on hold until the new year even though they restarted with limited socially distanced seating and take-out meals available. (Harrington Photo)

## Debert Legion Notes

By Dan Martell

The Remembrance Day Services were so very different from past years because of the Covid-19 concerns but some good things did happen and we pass along a very special thank you to come local businesses and individuals including Home Hardware Warehouse, thank you very much.

To Gerry Dykens, Owen Coffill, Ed Hingley, Shane Eagles, Sharon Kyle, Carmen Milner, Paul Penny, Bob Pash, Elsie Bain, thank you, your donation is much appreciated.

To the Debert Military Association, Kohltech Int, Windows, Dave's Service Centre, Central Colchester High School, thank you.

Thank you to all those people who bought wreaths for Nov. 11th, 2020, namely Hope Murphy, Bernie Lewis, Susan Matthews, Donald Davidson, Ken Spence, Doreen Black,

Harold Barclay, Betty Barnhill, Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade, Shannex, Debert Fire Brigade, Central Colchester High School, The Eastcott Family, The Kaulback Family, Betty and Eugene Adshade, Bill Wood, Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge, The John Calvin Christian Church, Doug McCully, The Teed Family, Debert Elementary School, Robert Graham, Canada Post, Cheryl Teed. Sorry if we missed anyone, it was unintentional.

Congratulations to all those people who received their years of service pins. 5 Year Pins- Leona Harvey (AFF), Fred Priest (AFF), Erin Barclay (ASS), W. MacDonald (ASS), Patricia Smith (ASS), Cheryl Teed (ASS), Walter Teed (ASS), Paul MacDonald (ORD); 10 Year Pins- Elizabeth Barnhill (ASS), Alex Martell (ASS); 20 Year Pins- Joe Williams (ASS); 25 Year Pins- Paul Eastcott (ASS),



Owen Slack (ASS), Alex Pash (ASS); 35 Year Pins- Sandy Vacheresse (ASS), John Jessome (ORD); 40 Years Pin- David Totten (ASS); 45 Year Pin- Owen Gormley (ORD), M.L. MacDougall (ORD), Owen Totten (ORD); 50 Year Pins- Gerry Dykens (ORD), Kenny Smith (ORD); 55 Year Pins- Vincent Deadder (ORD).

Congratulations to all and you can pick up your pin at the bar at your convenience.

Happy Birthday wishes for October are passed along to Leslie Fulton, Kelly Eagles, Elsie Bain, Steve Bennett, Bobby Pash, Betty Hill, Leona Harvey.

Happy Anniversary wishes are passed along to Kathy and Eric Barnhill.

Please don't forget to thank a Veteran, it is because of their sacrifices that we are able to enjoy our Country and our freedom.

Please say a prayer for our troops who are serving in foreign countries and their families.

## Flu Shot Drive-Thru Successful

By Maurice Rees

Even though Drs Rowe and Ewing have retired from the West Colchester Community Health Centre (WCCHC), Bass River things have not stopped. In fact in some ways services have been cranked up a notch.

Earlier this year when it was learned Doctors Rowe and Ewing would be retiring Dr. AJ of Halifax, put forward a concept of how the health centre might better service the area, with a series of rotating doctors, and additional service. However, Dr AJ has stepped aside and things are proceeding in other ways. (See separate "Nurse Practitioner" detailed coverage elsewhere in this issue).

On October 24th, even though there is no long term involvement in the health centre, Dr AJ, Halifax, held a drive thru flu vaccine clinic. Jennifer Welton & Miranda McIntosh, Medical Office Assistants still employed at WCCHC organized the flu clinic

There were approximately 300 vaccines given that day. Organizers have claimed the day was very

successful. People were able to get their flu, tetanus and pneumovax vaccines depending on their age and health conditions.

Todd Mackinnon, Pharmacist/Owner of Bayside Pharmacy as well as 3 Dalhousie medical students were immunizers that day. Local volunteers were in attendance to assist with traffic control and two industrial engineers helped with the parking lot layout and logistics.

In a separate discussion after the drive-thru, MacKinnon, says the day was hectic but very successful. Resident's interest in getting a "flu shot" is significantly more robust than in previous years. MacKinnon estimates, vaccinations are more than double previous years.

There is a lot of speculation, the October 24th Bass River drive thru clinic was being monitored by and had background involvement from the Nova Scotia Health Authority as one of the working models to adapt a template for future CoVid-19 vaccine clinics, when a vaccine is approved later in 2021.

Work inside the healthy

clinic continues at a rapid pace because the West Colchester Community Health Centre is currently switching over from paper charts to electronic charts. Past 10 years of each patient's chart has been scanned as a PDF file. Medical Office assistants, Jennifer Welton & Miranda McIntosh are currently creating an electronic chart for each patient.

The West Colchester Medical Society along with County councillor Tom Taggart and Medical Office Assistant Jennifer Welton have been holding weekly meetings and working extremely hard with the NSHA and Karen Casey to ensure Primary Care will continue in Bass River.

Currently there are 5 doctors from Truro who will be bridging the gap while the NSHA recruits a full time Doctor and full time Nurse Practitioner. (See separate "Nurse Practitioner" detailed coverage on page 1 and 3).

The Truro area doctors, who each have their own private practice, signed a letter are identified as: Doctors Ellis, Cook, Field, Webster and MacAulay.

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