

Community and Co-Workers Offer Support for "Crazy Steph"

By Linda Harrington

Stephanie Baker is being surrounded with love and community spirit as co-workers pitch in to help ease any financial pressures. "Crazy Steph", as she prefers to be called, has a rare form of Castleman's disease and while undergoing treatment she is on leave from her position as head cook at the Masstown Marker. Her co-workers miss her smiling face and they have been busy planning two upcoming events at the Londonderry Community Centre.



Stephanie Baker

Winter Wonderland Fundraising Festival at the Londonderry Community Centre. Bring along your toboggan and warm clothes

for some outdoor fun, while inside there will be kid's games, silent auctions, raffles, 50/50 draw, and much more. Breakfast pastries will be offered during throughout the morning. For more information or donations contact Abby at 662-3269.

Later in the month, everyone is invited to a fabulous fundraising Brunch at the Londonderry Community Centre on Saturday, February 23rd from 8AM until noon. The Brunch will continue on past noon if people keep coming. There will be generous servings of pancakes and bacon, hot off the grill, along with tea and coffee. Cost is only \$5 per person.

Bass River Native Performing in "Wizard of Oz"



Since graduation from Sheridan College's Musical Theater Program in the spring of 2012, Julia McLellan, a Bass River native, has been performing across Canada. After graduation she performed in "Rent" at the Panasonic Theater in Toronto. Next it was off to Winnipeg to work for Rainbow Stage, performing in the musical "Footloose".

With only a 3 day gap in shows, she then flew to Stephenville NFLD, and was involved in two shows "Canada Rocks", and a Children's show called "Lig and Bittle".

Julia is currently performing in Andrew Lloyd Webber's, "Wizard of Oz".

The show runs until March, and then heads off in the fall for a North American tour.

Local fans and friends wanting to send her best wishes can reach Julia at Julia.McLellan@hotmail.com



SPCA Developing 2014 Pet Photo Calendar

The Colchester SPCA is collecting photos in its 7th annual pet photo contest to develop its 2014 calendar. Pictures can not have any people in them just pets, must be clear and in 3x5 or 4x6 format. Each photo submission costs \$5 and must be submitted by the deadline of April 20.

The SPCA will ensure every clear picture received will be in the calendar. The winners of each month will have the large full page picture of the month and the runners up will be thumb nailed pictures along the side. All other pictures will be in the collage inside the back cover.

The winners will receive a free 8x10 enlargement, a free copy of the calendar and bragging rites for the year. Judging will be done by Truro Image Makers Photography Club.

Instructions for submissions are: Write pet's name, owner's name, e-mail address, full mailing address and phone # on a piece of paper. Attach this paper with a paper clip to the photo. Entries are to be mailed to: SPCA Shelter, P.O. Box 914, Truro NS, B2N-5G7. Pictures can also be dropped off at the shelter at 408 Industrial Avenue.

Great Village Community Association News

By Linda Shears

The regular monthly meeting was held on January 21. Plans were finalized for the Family Literacy Day scheduled for Saturday, January 26.

On February 7, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, CALA (Colchester Adult Learning Association) is sponsoring an information session on coupons. Amanda Fraser will let us in on the secret of saving money, finding unique coupon sites and explain how retail stores are making it easier to use these coupons. There is no charge and coffee, tea and snacks will be available.

On February 8 at 7:00 PM at the Community Hall there will be a Craft Night. This is for people would like to work on a craft, knit, crochet or work on a puzzle. It should prove to be a relaxing chance to socialize and finish a project you've been neglecting or learn a new skill.

Jeff Maluske reported that the bi-weekly Karate classes held at the school gym are becoming increasingly popular, with attendance some evenings exceeding 40 people.

On February 18, from

6:30 to 7:30 PM, there will be a meeting for all those interested in forming a Bazaar to sell crafts, produce and baking. Following this meeting, the Community Association will hold their February meeting.



A group of dedicated members keep the Great Village Historical Society always working hard to preserve local artifacts, plus keep younger generations informed of what has transpired before them. (L. Shears Photos)

Masstown Community News

By Christine Urquhart

Winter is upon us and most days seem to see us shoveling out our driveways and walkways and even our mail boxes. At least it is a form of fresh air and exercise! Remember though, cold weather puts an extra strain on the heart. If you have heart disease or high blood pressure, follow your doctor's advice about shoveling snow or performing other hard work in the cold.

Otherwise, if you have to do heavy outdoor chores, dress warmly and work slowly. Remember, your body is already working hard just to stay warm, so don't overdo it! I hope you are remembering to feed the birds and are making sure your pets are not left outside for long periods of time in below freezing temperatures as cold is not good for them, either!

Things are getting busy again now that Christmas is over. There will be a Coffee Party on January 30th, 2pm at the Masstown United Church.

There will be a small bake table, a play room for the children and lots of food, fun and fellowship! Come and enjoy!

The ladies have a new quilt in. They quilt on Monday afternoons and every Wednesday there is a Coffee Party. This is now called "Quilting Plus!" and anyone who would like to come and do any kind of a craft will be made welcome.

If you knit, bring your knitting! If you want to learn to knit, come and learn from those who do it. The same with crocheting, or any other craft. You would also be welcome to quilt! It's a fun way to spend a couple of hours and end with a nice cup of tea. The ladies usually start up around 1pm. This is held at the Masstown United Church basement.

The DGM Men's Club will hold their breakfast meeting on Saturday February 2nd, 8am, at the Double C Restaurant in Lower Debert. All men welcome.

The Masstown Stewards & Trustees, or Management Committee as they are also

known, wish to thank everyone who helped out in any way with their recent Refundable drive, especially John Ross & Sons who again sent out their truck to take the refundables in for us. We raised \$355.60. Thank you.

Church Services for the month of February are as follows: each service is at 10 am and includes Sunday School, of which we have 27 children attending. February 3 - Masstown, February 10 - Debert, February 17 - Glenholme and February 24 - Masstown.

Condolences go out this month to: Jack Barley and family on the death of his sister Connie Wayte; Marie McElhinney, Doreen Putnam and their families on the death of their 101 year old Aunt Hazel Forrest; Sheila MacLeod and family on the death of her husband Wayne and Jamie Robinson and family on the death of his brother William Ivan "Bill" Robinson.

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, may your life be filled with lots of Love this coming month.

Glooscap 4-H Deliver Swags to Seniors

By Emily Prescott

Glooscap Trail 4-H club members have been working hard these last few months with holiday spirit. For Christmas our club celebrated with a Christmas party. Also in the spirit of the holidays our

members made swags and fruit bags, which were delivered by members to local seniors in the area.

Our members have also been hard at work thinking of ideas for this year's projects and starting to plan

them out.

Our next general meeting will be on Tuesday February 5th at 7:00pm and will be held at The Dutchman's Cheese Farm.

Emily Prescott is the Glooscap Trail 4-H Club reporter.

 <p>National Défense</p> <p>Défense nationale</p> <p>Public Notice</p> <p>Practicing UXO Safety in Debert: Public Information Session</p> <p>The Department of National Defence (DND) invites you to attend one of two public information sessions on Unexploded Explosive Ordnance (UXO) safety in and around the former Debert Military Camp.</p> <p>DND officials will brief participants on the military history of the Debert area, communicate information about UXO safety, as well as departmental plans to ensure public safety in the area.</p> <p>The information sessions will be held: Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM Debert Hospitality Conference Centre, 130 Ventura Drive, Debert, Nova Scotia</p> <p><i>For additional information on the sessions, please contact:</i> DND UXO and Legacy Sites Program 1-800-207-0599</p>	<p>Avis public</p> <p>Sécurité liée aux munitions explosives non explosées (UXO) à l'ancien Base Militaire Debert :</p> <p>Séance d'information publique</p> <p>Dans le cadre du Programme des munitions explosives non explosées (UXO) et des anciens sites, le ministère de la Défense nationale (MDN), vous invite à assister à une des deux séances d'information sur la sécurité liée aux munitions explosives non explosées (UXO) qui se trouvent dans l'ancienne base militaire de Debert.</p> <p>Les représentants du MDN vous informera de l'histoire militaire, la sécurité liée aux UXO et les moyens envisagés par le MDN pour assurer la sécurité du public dans le secteur de Debert.</p> <p>Les séances d'information auront lieu le : mardi 12 février 2013 à 09:00 h et 19:00 h Debert Hospitality Conference Centre, 130 Ventura Drive, Debert, Nouvelle-Écosse</p> <p><i>Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec :</i> les responsables du Programme des munitions explosives non explosées et anciens sites du MDN 1-800-207-0599</p>
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