



Social time at the hall is good for the brigade. Pictured above during a recent gathering are (L-R): Valerie Meredith, Jim Knight, Paul Boggs, Dave McFarlane, Allen Zimmer and Tim Rushton. (Christensen Photo)

Bass River Fire Brigade News

By Peter Christensen

Happy New Year from the hall this week.

Well Santa has come and gone, and he left behind something, no not that, he left winter behind. And then the snow changed to ice, which is a whole lot nastier than snow. And while on the subject of ice and snow, please be aware of the hazards of these parts of winter. Although myself, I love the snow, but not so much the ice. It only takes a few seconds to lose your footing on ice or hard snow and then slip and down you go.

The training is ongoing at the hall. This month training will entail new methods of extrication with our new airbags. This will be held on January 20th and should be an interesting session.

With the last cold spell lots of wood went up the chimney, which hopefully were all cleaned this fall. Remember to check your pipes inside your basements, soot collects in elbows and angles.

It has been a difficult winter on the roads, with cars in the ditches and hitting guard rails, and according to police,

most accidents are caused by speed, and road conditions. So if it looks bad out, maybe staying home is a good idea. But if you must travel, drive according to the conditions, you may have hours to travel, but another hour slower may save you some trouble. Although HOME is always the goal, GETTING HOME SAFE should be the ultimate goal.

So as the firemen and women keep training, we always hope that we never will have to use it. Please drive safely, watch your footing and don't forget to check your pipes. Cya at the hall.

Debert Elementary School Notes

By Erma Cox

The New Year has brought much excitement into the school. We are pre-registering students for the 2014-15 grade primary class. Students will be coming to the school on February 21st for appointments with our primary teacher and Public Health personnel to prepare for the upcoming school year. Should you have a child who turns 5 by December 31, 2014 we ask that you call our Administrative assistant, Mrs. Green, right away to schedule an appointment so that we can best prepare for your child's arrival.

The grade six class continues to make a difference in their community and beyond. This month they will be selling "We are Love" buttons and Rafiki chains. All monies made from these sales will help families in Kenya acquire better health, education, food, water and create employment opportunities. We are very proud of the organization and initiative that these students have taken in helping the global

community. Their efforts have not stopped there.

Students have also organized multiple visits to the Shannex to develop rapport between our youth and seniors. These students are to be commended for an extraordinary job of making our world a better place by showing care and compassion for others.

Grade two recently learned a lesson in respect as they invited their Teddy Bears to school for a picnic and sleep-over. Unfortunately, the bears were rather mischievous during their stay so when students arrived at school the next day there was much to be done to right their learning environment. This event has proven to be a great prompt for assisting students in extending their writing.

The grade three class is learning how to be "bucket-filers". Throughout the week each student has helped to fill four other students' buckets. To culminate this particular activity

they have used the school iPads to create an iMovie on how to be a bucket-filler and they will share this message with the school at the assembly they host on the 30th of this month.

In an effort to create a more active population we will be engaging all of our students in a six week Zumba class. Every Wednesday students will be led by Stephanie Bilby in a half hour of Zumba during the regular school day. Physical activity has proven to increase concentration in all persons and thus we want to do our part in helping the students be the best they can be.

During the week of February 10-14th our students will be involved in a number of activities for Winter Carnival including our annual visit to the rink for an hour of skating. We encourage parents to join us for this morning to both support your child and to add some extra physical activity to your day.

Trinity United Church Evening of Music Held Jan 24th

Fred Richards acted as Master of Ceremonies for the talented line-up of entertainers.

Singers included Heather MacLeod, Chris Bailey, Miriam Gill, Nova Tones Quartet- Ken Henderson, Chris Bailey, Ron Fougere and Peter Townsend, Sally Jennings, The Trinity Choir, James Stewart and Mac MacLeod.

Heather MacLeod accompanied the singers on piano, with James Stewart on saxophone and clarinet, Joann Phillips on drums and Sally Jennings and Miriam Gill on guitars.

The lovely evening ended with all entertainers singing Farewell to Nova Scotia, including the audience on the chorus.

Fellowship and refreshments followed.

Donations were accepted, with all proceeds going toward the cost of a new Church computer.

Clifton 4-H Club News

By Gill Blackburn

Clifton 4-H club met on Tuesday January 7th. Roll call was taken and Scott gave the general leaders report. First off, we had a successful Christmas party hosted by the Blackburn family on the 10th of December where we had hot chocolate, sweets, and games.

Jacob Works volunteered to attend the exhibition committee meetings as the senior member representative and Marla McNutt will be our County Council senior rep.

Chocolate bar orders are to go in this month and will be on sale during the month

of March. Also, cheese orders have taken place the past two to three years in our club and have been successful.

This year we are joining up with Gems and will receive our cheese from ADL Dairy in PEI, please see your local 4-H member for more info.

Our club rally is coming up March 1st and topics are due for next meeting, February 4th. All our project meetings are starting up for the first of the year and members were reminded to update their club diaries with any new activities that they recently attended.

Gill Blackburn is reporter for the Clifton 4-H Club

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**With these diamonds and gold
To your bosom I will hold
A love forever strong and true
For my true love and only you**

Two Hearts Two Souls One Love True Love

**With these diamonds and ring
Of true love I now do sing
From my soul and from my heart
May our true love not depart**

Two Hearts Two Souls One Love True Love

**With these diamonds and pearl
From our childhood as boy and girl
May our true love over time that's grown
To this world may it now be shown**

Two Hearts Two Souls One Love True Love

**With these diamonds and wine
May we toast to love divine
For true love comes only heaven sent
For ours is pure as god had meant**

Two Hearts Two Souls One Love True Love

**With these diamonds and golden bands
On each one of our left hands
May our true love always be
The strongest love the world may see**

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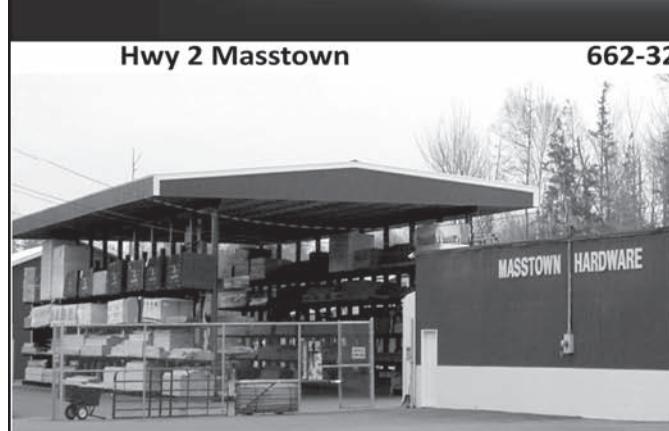
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