

# Clifton Club 4-H Club News

By David McCurdy

Greetings,  
My name is David McCurdy. I have been recruited as the club reporter for the Clifton 4-H Club. I am planning to work hard so the readers of the Shoreline Journal know what is happening in our club.

To date, projects have been started and we are getting into full swing with regular meetings. Club speeches and demonstrations are being crafted by 4-H members and will be ready to be delivered at the club event on March 7, 2015. It will be held at the Cobequid Consolidated Elementary School in Old Barns. 4-H friends and family are welcome to attend again this year.

As a new club activity, we are hoping to have members learn outdoors skills and participate in the annual woodsman competition to be



held in Bible Hill this spring.

*Yours in Clifton 4-H news,  
David McCurdy*

## United Church Women's Christmas Party

By Hope Bridgewater

Members, family members and friends celebrated at the United Church Women's Christmas Party with a "happy hour," a potluck supper and a program of both religious worship and entertainment. Organizing the event was a committee of three members: Marie Duranceau, UCW president, Eleanor Sprague, volunteer planner, and Rev. Jean Ward, United Church minister.



Betty Curry, pianist, Marie Duranceau, UCW president, Rev. Jean Ward, minister at the Wentworth United Church, Eleanor Sprague, program planner, and Pat Adams, actress portraying the comic Minnie Pearl, celebrate at the United Church Women's Christmas Party. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

At this special Christmas celebration, UCW members invited family or friends to attend. Pastor James Smith of the Wentworth United Baptist Church and members of his congregation came. UCW members Gwen Little and Thelma Redmond who have moved to Truro attended. The successful and interesting party took place in the downstairs hall of the Wentworth United Church.

"Happy hour" consisted of a cheerful social time among members, although certain members took time to organize all the food brought in for the potluck supper. At 5:30 pm all the food was laid out on tables and everyone lined up to serve themselves. Tea, coffee, and punch were available at the kitchen counter.

After the tasty meal, Marie Duranceau introduced the program of Christmas worship. Religious readings were done by Twila McMaster, Betty Duizer Logan, Beth Crouse, Marie Duranceau, and Rev. Jean Ward. As mentioned by Rev. Jean Ward, themes in the readings were of hope, peace, love and joy, and since the committee of three believing joy was part of the celebration, they invit-

ed actress Pat Adams to perform an impersonation of the comic Minnie Pearl and Pat's excellent interpretation of Minnie Pearl caused a lot of joyful laughter.

Then Pastor James Smith conducted three rounds of a humorous auction. The highest bids for each of the three auctions were made by Vernon Sprague, Garth Wilson, and Rev. Jean Ward. Interspersed throughout the program was the singing of Christmas hymns led by Betty Curry at the piano.

Later the same month, a Christmas Eve service was celebrated at the Wentworth United Church just as such celebrations occurred in thousands of churches across Nova Scotia. The service was conducted in the beautifully decorated church sanctuary and altar. The plate glass windows were enhanced by a string of colourful lights extending just below them.

After lighting the Christ Candle, Rev. Jean Ward, minister of the Wentworth United Church, read four scriptures

about the birth of Jesus Christ, each followed by a hymn, and one by a sermon. One memorable commentary by Rev. Jean Ward was her remembrance as a young girl being at her grandfather's farm on Christmas Eve, and as her grandfather took her on a walk through his barn told her how important it was to remember that Jesus was born in a manger surrounded by animals. Out of respect for the birth of Jesus and the animals surrounding him, her grandfather stopped before each animal and spoke to each one and had her do the same.

The liturgy composed by Rev. Jean Ward, the total of eight hymns and the Communion ceremony made the event a very spiritual experience. The eight hymns were led by Betty Curry at the organ and piano and choir members Barry Patriquin, Aubrey Giffin, Faye Henderson, Doug MacDiarmid, Shirley MacDiarmid, Shannon Letcher, and Rev. Jean Ward.

## Online consultation closes Feb 8

Nova Scotians can now give their input on which flavours should be exempt from a ban on flavoured tobacco and e-cigarette juice. Online consultation will close Feb. 8.

The online consultation went live on Jan. 20,

with more than 490 people pre-registered. Nova Scotians who want to take part in the consultation can log on to: [www.novascotia.ca/dhw/flavouredproductsconsultation](http://www.novascotia.ca/dhw/flavouredproductsconsultation)

## Bradeans' Machining Even More Competitive

Bradeans Tool & Die of Amherst continues to invest in new technology to better serve their aerospace clients. The company's latest investment is an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. The Honourable Rob Moore, Minister of State (ACOA), and Parliamentary Secretary Scott Armstrong announced Government of Canada support on Monday, January 19th.

The Government of Canada is providing a repayable contribution of \$63,360 toward the

project, through ACOA's Business Development Program (BDP). In 2013, ACOA provided a \$223,000 repayable contribution toward the addition of two five-axis vertical milling centers with a robotic tender. These machines produce highly complex parts with intricate shapes and have enabled Bradeans to create new types of components with great efficiency.

Armed with the new technology, Bradeans' machining capability is now one of the most advanced in the industry.

## Lost Water Nearly Triple Canadian Average

By Maurice Rees

Nova Scotians are using a lot more water than their counterparts across Canada. The Ecology Action Centre released a report on January 14th describing water consumption, water leakage, and energy use at water utilities calculates water consumptions range from 151 m3 to 338 m3 while the national average is 99 m3 per person per year.

The report also revealed lost water from leaking pipes and other infrastructure repre-

sents up to 41% of total water in some communities, nearly triple the national average of 15%.

To allow communities to save water, energy and money, the report lists seven recommendations for water leaders at the municipal level, starting with the expansion of water metering into more communities.

The report can be read or downloaded from: <http://www.ecologyaction.ca/water-energy-nexus>

## Colchester Heritage Night – February 26

"The annual celebration of local heritage will be held on Thursday February 26, 2015. Heritage Night is an open house to showcase the efforts of all who strive to preserve Colchester County's rich history and culture.

The Historeum doors open to the public at 7pm. Refreshments and entertainment will

enhance the festivities, which will include the presentation of Heritage Awards and grants.

As in past years, guests are invited to dress in costume - whether representing a particular historic period or a cultural group. Invite your friends and join us for a relaxed and fun night at the Historeum!"

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