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Farm Museum Gets Assistance

By Maurice Rees

The Farm Equipment Museum located at the Provincial Exhibition grounds, Bible Hill received \$3,600 in assistance from Colchester Coun-

cil at the special meeting of council on Tuesday, January 9th. Council's special meeting was held immediately following completion of council's monthly presenta-

tion night which included presentations by the Truro Horseman's Club and a Colchester Biosolids Disposal review of operations and options.

The museum who had commenced a major clean-up of the grounds in the vicinity of the museum building, but because it's a total volunteer organization asked for council's support to waive the \$3,600 tipping fees at the Colchester Balefill.

With the farm museum the only item on the agenda for the special meeting, council then adjourned to go into camera with three unidentified topics on the closed meeting agenda.



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Masstown Community News

By Christine Urquhart

We are in the midst of winter and must be prepared for storms and bad driving conditions. Make sure your car is prepared for all winter can provide by having a "kit" in your car which contains things such as a warm blanket, candles, flashlight, flares, foldable shovel, sand, etc.

Keep your cell phone fully charged but don't use it while you drive! I believe your cell phone should be for you to use, not for others to call you. Keep it for emergencies only, my kids can't believe that I'm saying that.

If you do go off the road, after you call for help, check to see if your exhaust pipe is covered or blocked. If it is, don't keep your vehicle running! Folks die every day from exhaust fumes. Don't let yourself become another statistics. And...if you don't need to be out in stormy weather, stay home.

Masstown UCW will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday February 1st 7pm at the home of Gail Hines. All ladies are welcome! We are reminded to bring in items for young children and babies for the hospital bags.

The DGM Men's Club will hold their monthly breakfast meeting on Saturday February 3rd, 8am, at the Double C Restaurant in Lower Debert. All men are welcome.

The Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday February 18th at Debert United Church. The meeting will start with our regular Church service at 10 am followed by each point's congregational meeting. Come noon time we will all join together for lunch and afterwards will be our annual meeting of the pastoral charge. It is very important that as many Church members as possible attend this meeting.

The Masstown Community Association will hold their meeting on Tuesday February 27th 7pm in the restaurant part of the Masstown Market. We welcome new members! We will be discussing upcoming events at our Masstown Community Park and ways to raise both funds and volunteers! Hope to see you there!

Some fun things happened this past month! Elsie and Owen Rudolph had a New Year's Eve's eve Party - December 30th - actually a brunch with a whole

bunch of family! Joining Owen and Elsie were: daughter Lisa Telder of Debert, sons Vincent Rudolph of Truro and Lorne Rudolph of Brookfield, Granddaughter Brook Hines & boyfriend, Cole Fleck of Debert; siblings Laura & Gary Selik from Riverview NB, Mary Maneley from Bible Hill, Carolyn & David Borden from Upper Sackville NS, Everett & Marilyn Clarke from Indian Brook Road - Shubenacadie and Danny Rudolph from Brookfield. All had a wonderful time and Elsie and Owen were very thankful for all the wonderful food etc. the guests brought with them!

Margaret & Darrell Currie spent a fun week in Cuba! Nice tans folks! Congratulations to Richard Wenham and Marilyn Whitehead on the birth of their first grandson, Sawyer Henry Sack, son of Amber Daniec and Kyle Sack.

Condolences go out this month to: David & Karen Dickie and family on the death of their son, Matthew Dickie; Ardith McCully and family on the death of her niece, Seana Rae (Rushton) Kilroy.

May the winter storms never enter your hearts and may the warmth of spring always be with you!



Make it a green winter with these energy-saving tips

Conserving energy is a great way to protect the planet and save money. While energy bills might be highest in summer thanks to air conditioning units, certain factors around a house can make winter more wasteful and costly than it needs to be.

Energy bills are influenced by a variety of factors, including geography and how energy-efficient a home is. For example, according to data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the average monthly utility bill in Connecticut in 2015 was \$153.13, while New Mexico residents paid slightly more than half that amount (\$79.23) on average. Homeowners cannot control winter weather, which can greatly affect how much energy homeowners consume between December and March. However, there are other ways for homeowners to curtail their energy consumption and save money throughout winter.

- Address any leaks or drafts. Drafty windows and doorways can make the air inside homes feel warmer in the summer and colder in the winter. As autumn weather grows colder, homeowners can perform simple inspections around windows and doorways to determine if they have any leaks. On a cold and/or windy day, place a hand near all windows and doors to feel if there are any leaks. Use caulk or another type of sealant to address leaks so you can keep cold air out and set your thermostat to a reasonable, eco-friendly temperature.
- Inspect air vents, faucets and plumbing fixtures. Air vents, faucets and plumbing fixtures attached to exterior walls should be inspected for leaks. Such inspections might need to be conducted from outside the home, which can make it more difficult to detect if

cold air is entering the home. Look for gaps in the insulation around these areas, filling in those gaps as necessary.

- Inspect heating systems at the start of each new season. According to EnergyStar.gov, heating systems account for 29 percent of the average homeowner's energy expenditures. Inspect your heating or HVAC system before the start of winter, making sure all gas or oil connections are operating properly. EnergyStar.gov notes that dirty burners and cracked heat exchangers can cause heating units to operate less efficiently and may even pose a safety risk. Inspect the air filter of the heating system at least once per month, as filters can quickly become dirty during a heavy-use season like winter. Dirty filters cause the system to work harder to keep a home warm, unnecessarily wasting energy as a result.
 - Install a Wi-fi enabled programmable thermostat. Some programmable thermostats can be very difficult to use effectively, making it far too difficult if not impossible for homeowners to set their thermostats for various temperatures in a single day. Wi-fi enabled programmable thermostats that allow homeowners to control their heating and cooling systems via their smartphones can be more user-friendly than many other programmable thermostats, ensuring homeowners are saving money and not wasting energy heating empty homes.
- Winter utility bills can be costly, but homeowners can reduce their cold weather energy consumption in various ways without sacrificing comfort.



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