



Enter the Bunker Presents Cheque

By Linda Harrington

It is very much appreciated when a business gives back to the community and the Debert PTG co-Presidents Alicia Johnson and Nicole Corkum were very pleased to accept a cheque for \$517 recently from Jonathan Baha'i, President of Enter the Bunker.

Enter the Bunker is a modern entertainment venue housed in a historic Cold War era nuclear fallout shelter located in Debert. For the last year the business has donated thousands of dollars to various charities. Each month during the selection process charities can be nominated on the Enter the Bunker Facebook page and the charity receiving the most votes will receive \$1

from every ticket purchased for the month. "It is completely up to the community," says Jonathan Baha'i. "We have given away over \$500 each month to a variety of charities and there are no restrictions, in fact if they got enough votes a charity could potential receive an additional cheque another month. It is all up to the people."

Although originally built to shelter high-ranking military personnel in the event of nuclear attack, the bunker is now open to the public. You can play laser tag, catch a movie, or play a private video game on a 203" screen. Why not test your puzzle-solving skills as the USA or USSR in a one-of-a-kind War Games escape rooms? Historic

tours of the 64,000 square foot underground fallout shelter are also offered.

Debert Elementary is going to receive another exciting donation from events held at the Bunker. Six Chromebooks and a techtub will soon be delivered from funds raised during Bunker Charity Royale, an eSports Tournament, sponsored by Peerplays Blockchain Standards Association (PBSA). "Our goal is to donate 50 Chromebooks to the school, so we will keep trying," says Jonathan.

If you are looking for unique one-of-a-kind experiences inspired by the bunker and its history visit <https://www.enterthebunker.com/> or follow them on facebook.

Onslow-Belmont Club Rally February 29

By Marion Porter

The Onslow-Belmont Club Rally will be on Saturday, February 29th, 2020 at Trinity United Church, 415 Onslow Rd., Upper Onslow. Members should be there by 9:00 A.M., but speeches and demonstrations won't start until around 9:30 A.M. Club Rally is where 4-H members complete their communications by giving either a speech or a demonstration. Cloverbuds are not required to public speak, but are encouraged to.

Speeches tell the audience about something and can be on a variety of topics. 4-H Club leaders suggest it is good to choose a more unique subject so that the speech is not the same as everyone else's. Speeches can be any length but it is suggested that they be over 2 minutes and under 10 minutes. Speeches are in 3 categories: Junior (9-12), Intermediate (13-15), and Senior (16-21).

Demonstrations show how to

make or do something in a step-by-step process. Demonstrations also can differ greatly. Demonstrations must be under 15 minutes allowing 1 minute for set-up and 1 minute for take-down. Demonstrations are in 4 categories: single junior; double junior; single senior; and double senior. Single demos are 1 person and double demos are 2. Junior means that the demonstrator(s) is/are junior members (9-13). Senior means that the demonstrator(s) is/are senior members (14-21).

Club Rally is also where the 4-H ambassador competition begins. A 4-H ambassador is a youth representative of 4-H NS, whether on a County, Regional, or Provincial level. Also, they must be 15 years or older. There are 3 parts involved in becoming a 4-H ambassador: (1). An impromptu speech on a topic chosen at random at the rally; (2). An interview conducted by the judges and (3). A sight reading. The top two 4-H ambassador contestants at Club Rally

will move on to County Rally.

After all the speeches and demonstrations are given there will be a potluck. The winners at Club Rally will move on to the County Rally. If a member cannot give their speech or demonstration all is not lost. The member may give their speech or demonstration at a meeting (general or project) or to a leader (general or project). Although this member will not be able to move on to County Rally, they will have completed their communications.

Club Rally is open to anyone who would like to come and hear youths speak and demonstrate. Onslow-Belmont's next general meeting will be on February 11, 2020 at the Lower Onslow Community Centre at 7:00 P.M. We will be discussing how to write a speech or demonstration, and the chocolate bar campaign.

Marion Porter is reporter for the Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club

Lwr. Debert River Bridge to be Closed

By Maurice Rees

The Lower Debert River Bridge, on HWY 104 bypass at Masstown / Glenholme, and the Gosse bridge, which connects Colchester and Hants Counties via Hwy 236 in South Maitland will be the two major bridge replacement projects in Cumberland, Colchester and Hants counties for the 2020-2021 period.

Elsewhere in this Issue, we have outlined the Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) capital five year budget outline. These are the two major items which will affect motorists the most and for the longest period of time.

During construction with full closure of the road, a detour with a parallel section of highway from Glenholme to Masstown. Elm River Camp-

ground and Double "C" Truckstop are two businesses to be affected the most.

In a statement, provided by e-mail, Marla MacInnis, Media Relations Advisor, Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, stated, "The Lower Debert River Bridge is undergoing a full replacement. The tender has closed and will be awarded soon. The replacement will require a full closure of the road with the parallel section of Highway 104 between Glenholme and Masstown used as a detour during construction. Work will begin in early spring with completion anticipated for the fall".

Details on rehabilitation of the Clarence Gosse bridge in South Maitland can be located elsewhere in this issue.

Code to be Adopted

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Parker has been advocating for a detailed and comprehensive code. Throughout all the discussions, council were advised the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities had been asked by the provincial government to develop a code to be considered by NSFM members.

NSFM submitted their version in April 2018, but the Minister of Municipal Affairs during the NSFM AGM in fall of 2019 expressed disappointment his department had not made a submission. During council's committee meeting in December and again on January 16th, Councillor Taggart expressed disappointment no one challenged the minister and he reminded council agreed in December to adopt a code in January.

At December's 12th committee meeting, council was advised by Rob Simonds, CAO his office had received the NSFM version earlier, but some minor changes were being made. On January 16th the revised version was received and presented to council. Because information was circulated on table an electronic

version was not available to the media.

A review of both NSFM versions reveal only slight variations, perhaps a couple of paragraphs. Discussion on what to adopt on January 16th was intense. Councillor Wade Parker, who spoke several times on the matter said the version of code slated for adoption was useless and perhaps more dangerous that if non existed. It ended his input by saying the current version is not something he could support, because it needs to be more comprehensive and needs a lot of work.

Other's are saying they need to adopt a code by the end of January as long as they can update and make changes at a later date.

When asked about a code of conduct, business owners, not anyone who has relatives working for the municipality, nor been a council member are shaking their heads. Their comments range from a number of different perspectives including: are council members afraid their activities would be restricted by a code; are they rushing to adopt sim-

ply because it is an election year and they wish to say, "we now have a code of conduct"; are they serving their self interests, or interests of staff and the taxpayer.

One prominent business lady suggested a poorly constructed code of conduct could be expensive, if not clearly written with precise regulations, as it would open itself up to several legal battles.

When asked in Tim Horton's of their view, a coffee group involving several business owners offered: Are they sure they know what they are doing? I don't think so. Already on staff is Mark Austin, who has a Master's degree in Human Resources and similar matters. Why did they wait? Why not get him to prepare one, which would stand the test of time?

If councillor Cooper is right, we don't need one, or a strong one. If Councillor Parker is correct, the Municipality of Colchester could be headed for some legal battles.

Thursday night will determine the outcome and test of time will reveal the accuracy of council's decision on January 30th.



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