



Ethan Totten had a big hug for Santa, when he stopped by the Masstown Market on Dec.12th. Ethan's little sister Jessie is waiting for her turn with Santa. (submitted photo)



These ready to eat goodies would sure help cut down on the Christmas baking. Rosaleen Smith was selling an assortment of home baking at the Wesley United Church Chowder Luncheon and Christmas Sale in Belmont on Dec. 5th. (Harrington Photo)

Debert Legion Notes

By Danny Martell

Congratulations are passed along to Roy Webb, who was recently presented with this 50 year Legion Long Service Pin, by First Vice President, Skippy Dawson. Roy is a Veteran of WWII.

The Friday Night Suppers have been put on hold until after the holidays. To all the workers and all who supported the suppers, thank you very much. Hope to see you in 2010.

With the hunting season, just about over for another year, we have a story or two to pass along relating to a few of our members.

During the recent moose hunting season in the Highlands of Cape Breton, the peace and quiet of a beautiful fall morning was shattered by this ungodly cry! "Stop the truck, stop this bloody truck."

Ollie jammed on the breaks, figuring Stan had seen a moose. The door flew open with such force it near fell off it's hinges, as Stan headed into the bush for the nearest big tree. Ollie says to himself, "it can't be a moose, he forgot his gun."

By and by Stan came tromping back to the truck with a sheepish grin on his face, climbed in the truck and says, "Let's get out of here!" As Ollie threw the truck in gear, he says to Stan, "What is that terrible smell, did you get into an argument with a skunk?"

Jamming on the brakes once again, Ollie was heard to say, "Man, you better get out and clean yourself up (off)."

So, Stam grabbed the rifle and jumped out to find some water and wouldn't you know it, he found the water and from all reports, it was a perfect five point landing, knee's, hands and feet. Stan, did you ever get your gun dry and rid of that smell?

Stan and Ollie did eventually get their moose. This story was passed to me by a very reliable source (it was not Red Green).

The names were changed to protect Stan and Ollie from undue harassment.

From all reports, it was a very successful season for the majority of the hunters.

Joyce and Vernon Rushton cut up well over a hundred animals at their shop.

Owen Dykens and his partner got a moose as did John Cook and his buddy. Bruce Higgins and Mark Gregory also took home a big animal from the Highlands.

Gerry Dykens was telling me he shot a coyote and it was in very poor shape. Gerry also missed a beautiful cock pheasant. Oh Lord, what a story to show off if I had a camera.

Talking about camera's, if any of our readers know Aubrey Gratto, when you see him, ask him to show you the picture, his camcorder or trail-cam (whatever you call those gadgets) recorded for him. A picture for conversation indeed. A lynx or bobcat it is not.

Larry and Spencer Martell had a great year with the geese and ducks.

Ian Blackie and Noel Gratto had a terrible trip to Quebec for their goose hunting trip. The birds were just not moving.

A quick stop into the weigh in station on Sunday, Dec. 6th, had Mike MacIsaac with the heaviest buck at 264.5lbs. Jason Pitts had the heaviest doe, and it weighed 158.5lbs.

The winners of the Brookfield Big Game Draw were: Truck- Steve Parker, Pugwash; ATV- Helen Sandeson, Wallace; \$2,000 Groceries- Ken MacCallum, Hilden; Generator- S. Baltaz, Montague Gold Mines; \$500 cash- James Murphy, Truro.

Fred Blenkhorn got a bear with his bow as did Roger Morrissey's partner.

To Guy Desjardins, Dale McNutt and Earl Harvey,

thank you very much for the care packages (deer meat), greatly appreciated.

Gher-Bear, why does your old hunting buddy call you "Gut Shot"?

As the Crib League gets ready to break for the holidays, a quick look at the standings show Debbie Cock and Ronnie Eastcott away out in front with 496 points, away back in second place is Leslie Fulton and Danny Martell with 614 points, Dave and Christian Pratt, round out the top three with 634 points.

There has been 34, twenty four hands and Bunny Burris leads the way with 4. Doug Mattatall has high hand with a 28. Jess Deveau and Kim MacNutt have most hidden scores with 2, while Debbie Buchanan and Norm Eastcott have most wins.

Will Kim MacNutt and Jess Deveau be getting a special plaque for volunteering to work with and helping entertain the grey haired old men in the Crib League? Time will tell.

The Friday Night Dark League is firing on all cylinders and is having a great season.

Team#7, with Clayton Finck, Debbie Cock, Mike Rushton and Owen Totten is sitting in first place, with 54 points, a very close second is Team#3, with Joe Whalen, Marilyn Dykens, Earl Harvey and Art Shaw. They have 51 points. Rounding out the top three is Team#4, with Deanna Martell, Dorothy Pce and Darrell Cock. They have 47 points.

The individual stats are incomplete because three game sheets were taken by mistake or misplaced. Hopefully this will be rectified in next month's edition.

On Saturday the 5th of

Great Village Community Association

Bringing a Community Together by Building Ideas

By Heather MacKay

Halloween started early in Great Village. Thanks to Angie Spencer McLellan and friends. On October 24th there was a Halloween party for the children which was a great success and very well attended by our community kids. All were dressed in scary, funny, or beautiful costumes. They enjoyed games and candy.

Next year we may have to have two parties, one for younger kids and one for the older kids as the numbers in attendance have greatly increased.

The Annual Fireman's Auction was also a busy spot. The Community was gratefully accepting donations on guessing the weight of the giant pumpkin donated by Mr Vernon McCully. Joy Graham of Great Village was the winner of the huge gourd with a guess of 161 lbs. which was right on the weight. Fund raising is used to help keep the Community Hall heated, lights

on and computers running. The Hunter's Safety courses which are held at the Hall were all full in the month of October and are now starting to wind down.

On Oct 31 before the ghosts and goblins started to come out, the Community Association provided canteen and BBQ facilities for the auction of the late Peter Dodsworth's equipment and machinery. It was great to see so many out supporting the family by purchasing his tools and carrying on his tradition and lively hood that he was so proud of.

Halloween was quiet even though there were a lot of ghosts, princesses and other creatures out and about gathering candy and goodies.

The Farmers Market had their annual Craft Market on Nov 7. and the Community Association served lunch of Corn Chowder, Pulled Pork Burgers, with Apple Crisp for dessert. The sale attracted patrons from all over Nova Scotia.

We are still taking Regal

orders, so contact Heather MacKay 668-2501 or Terry Francis 668-2766 to place an order for some Christmas shopping.

The Community Association is preparing for the upcoming Craft Sale Nov 28th from 10:00-3:00 at the Great Village School Gym, free admission with over 30 tables booked with many unique and creative Christmas ideas.

The canteen will be serving Glenda MacRae's famous Chili plus lots of home made desserts to choose from. We will also be having a Chinese Auction with many items to purchase tickets on.

If you aren't on our email list to receive announcements and reminders just email the Great Village Community Association at greatvillagelearningnetwork@gmail.com.

The Community Hall is still getting its final coat of paint. Just a few spots left to put on. Hopefully the weather holds out until then. The colour certainly brightens up the old Hall!

sweaters, the winners were: Judy Crossman- Sidney Crosby Jersey; Kyle Sears-Alex Ovechkin Jersey. Judy and Kyle, congratulations. To all who bought tickets, tahnk you very much.

To all our readers, Merry Christmas and a very Happy and prosperous New Year. May the holidays be filled with peace and happiness for you and yours.

Happy Birthday wishes for December are passed along to Anthony Simpson, Ed Gormley,

Helen McMasters, Ronnie Eastcott, Neil Bennett, Don (Padre) MacQueen, Owen Gormley and Vernon Shay.

Happy Anniversary wishes for December are passed along to Leona and Earl Harvey (51) and Debbie and Dana Staples.

Please say a prayer for our troops in Afghanistan and their families. Please don't forget to thank a Veteran, it is because of their sacrifices that we are able to enjoy our freedom and our country.



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Happy Holidays

As the MLA for Colchester North, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a joyous Holiday Season.

It has been a pleasure to work with you throughout 2009 and to watch our communities continue to prosper.

Communities in rural Nova Scotia are an important part of the prosperity of our province.

Let's work together to make 2010 the best it can be.

Merry Christmas

Karen Casey



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