



Mrs. Saunders' Grade 3 Class from Chiganois Elementary performed a recorder piece at their Christmas Concert held at the CEC Auditorium in Truro on Dec. 10th. Front- (l to r) Mariah Putnam, Jaylee Waller-Moore, Travis Jennings, Tristen Reid; Middle- (l to r) Brooklyn Jordan, Beverly Gilbert, Madison MacLeod, Keegan Jardine; Back (l to r) Lindsey Smith, Emma Spicer, Jackson Haight, Brent Rushton, Ja-Mychal Cartwright.



Maxine Ryan had a few special guests stop by the school on Dec.18th. Students and staff at Chiganois Elementary had prepared a celebration in honour of Maxine, who is retiring after over 22 years working as Administrative Assistant at Chiganois Elementary School. Joining Maxine were (left to right) grandson Braeden Connolly, husband Bryden Ryan, daughter Kelly Ryan-Connolly and grandson Owen Connolly. (Harrington Photo)



The Truro Junior A Bearcats pose with students from Chiganois and Cobequid Elementary Schools on Nov. 24th. Physical Education teacher Marg MacIntyre invited the Bearcats out to the Arena in Debert to share an hour of skating with the students. (Harrington Photo)



Keith Hamilton (left) calls off the dance sets at the a fund raising dance for the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade on Nov. 7th at the Central Colchester Junior High School. Music was provided by Gordon Tucker (2nd from left) and the Berry Hill Band, with special guests Ivan and Vivian Hicks (right).



Clair Reid, entertains at the Debert Jam accompanied by Margaret Baxter and Bill Hill. Clair loves to sing and it shows. (L Strong Photo)

# Chiganois Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

A Christmas Skating Party was held on Dec. 8th at West Colchester United Arena. The Truro Junior A Bearcats were in attendance and there was even a visit from Santa himself. Tim Horton's donated lots of treats and a good time was had by all. Mrs. MacIntyre sends along her special thanks to the Bearcats, Greg Smith at Tim Horton's and of course to Santa, who took time out of his busy schedule to come for a visit.

Thank you to Margie MacIntyre for organizing the Skating Party. Skating resumes on January 5th from 4- 5PM at the Debert Arena. Kilometer Klub continues at recess on Mondays and Wednesdays. There are noon sports for the 2/3 Classes on Mondays and the 4/5's on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The 2/3 Classes enjoy sports at recess on Tuesdays, also. Nerf Volleyball will begin after school on Monday, January 11th.

The Christmas Concert was held on Dec. 10th at Cobequid Educational Centre Auditorium in Truro. There was a large crowd in attendance and students did a wonderful job with their singing and playing instruments. Thank you to Mr. Greer for all his efforts getting the students ready for their moment on the big stage.

Christmas Dinner was served at the school on Dec.

12th. The gymnasium was filled with smiling faces sharing a delicious turkey dinner with their friends, complete with a special ice cream treat for dessert. Thank you to Shannon Fielding for all her extra effort getting the special meal prepared and thank you to all those who volunteered their time that day, as well.

Students had the opportunity to do a bit of secret Christmas shopping on Dec. 17th, thanks to the organization by the PTG. Carol singing was held in the afternoon on Dec. 18th.

There was a special event held in the morning on Dec. 18th, in honour of Maxine Ryan, who is retiring from her position as Administrative Assistant at the end of this year. Maxine has been at Chiganois since Sept. 14th, 1987. She has always greeted everyone with a smile and she will be greatly missed.

All classes took part in the retirement celebration for Mrs. Ryan, with students making cards, singing songs and preparing memory books. Thank you and congratulations to Maxine. Enjoy your retirement! Kim Keizer will be the new Administrative Assistant at Chiganois.

Mark your calendar for Primary Registration on Thursday, January 28th, 2010. If you have a child who will be turning 5 years of age before Dec. 31st, 2010, and they will be attending Chiganois Elementary in the 2010-2011 school year, please call the school at 662-4420 to book an appointment. The child must have a birth certificate.

Merry Christmas to all. Enjoy safe and happy holidays. Students are back in classes on Jan. 4th, 2010.

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The Chiganois Christmas Concert was held at the CEC Auditorium in Truro on Dec. 10th. Singing their little hearts out for their family and friends were some of the students from Mrs Davidson's Grade 2 Class. Back (l to r)- Connor Rushton, Mitchell Whooten, Sara Swan, Dallace Pash; Middle (l to r) Sam Rogers, Chandy Digout, Emma Hill-Macmillan, Jasmin Atkinson, Jessie Little, Mary-Emma Barnhill; Front (l to r) Mason Murphy, Joshua Munden, Jenna Corbett, Haley Garnhum, Alyssa Weatherbee.



Stage lights twinkle in the eyes of some students from Mrs. Phillip's Grade 2 Class at the Chiganois Christmas Concert on Dec. 10th. Front row (l to r)- Matthew Madore, Mya Kaiser, Kiara Morris, Ruby Harrington; Back row (l to r)- Cole Rempel, Nathan Merriam, Olivia MacDonald, Ryan Muise, Nick Mattatal.



A Christmas tree, decorated with delightful hand made ornaments, was on display in the front entry at Chiganois Elementary. Grade 3 student Callan Merry is hanging his cute penguin decoration on the tree. (Harrington Photo)

# Out and About with Ken

By Ken Kennedy

Here we are mid-way into November and the weather is just great. Wish it would stay this way all winter. If I remember correctly, it was about this time last year when the Cobequid Pass was shut down due to a major snow storm with hundreds of vehicles off the highway.

On Nov. 5, I was selling poppies at Sobey's and they were putting up Christmas decorations. Nothing like rushing the gift-buying season!

On Nov. 10, I attended a Legion Remembrance service at Wynn Park Villa for the residents of the Veteran's Wing in particular and all residents in general. Members of the three local Legions were in attendance.

On Nov. 11, I paraded with Great Village Legion to the cenotaph. This is always an emotional ceremony no matter where one attends. It was a beautiful day for a change. I got home just in time to watch the Remembrance Day service from Ottawa which is always a moving tribute to the fallen and those still serving. That evening we attended the annual banquet at the Legion

hall to a full house and great food. The members of our gospel group "Higher Ground" and their spouses had been invited since they had performed from time to time at Legion services at Wynn Park Villa and Camp Hill Hospital. Along with the pomp and ceremony, there were tears and laughter as Walter Perrin and Neil Morash told stories of their wartime experiences.

Basically, that was the extent of my community activities this month so far. I have been out raking leaves and cutting brush in the back yard and it's beginning to take longer and hurt more every year.

As far as Debert Happenings is concerned, there is not much to report either. Another by-election has run its course and obviously people have forgiven Stephen Harper for his ousting of Bill Casey a few years back, and now Scott Armstrong is our federal MP elect.

I see some work going on at exit 13 off ramp behind the administration office and I have heard all kinds of rumours as to what might be going on there. The last I heard they were clearing the way for an Irving Big Stop loca-

tion. I have also heard that they were looking for Paleo-Indian artifacts, and that Ritchie Bros was expanding. I guess we won't know for sure until it happens.

A notable birthday in Debert recently was that of Mrs. Jean "Mum" Lloyd on Carter Road. She's an English war-bride who turned 90 years young a few days ago. She's pretty spry for her age and has a memory better than mine. She loves to talk about her homeland and show pictures of her family.

Marg Miller and Gordon McDorman also celebrated as did the members of Debert Baptist Church. It was a busy day for Pastor Bill Martin on

Nov. 1st as he performed a baptism of three people during the morning service. Then he conducted the monthly service at Debert Court at 2:00 p.m and at 3:00 p.m. attended a roll call service at Belmont Baptist. Then at 7:00 p.m. the church held its 158 anniversary service with special music and display of historical artifacts along with a review of the church's early beginnings by John Carter and Priscilla Jennings (as her mother.) All in all it was quite a day.

That's about it for this year, folks. Velma and I send along our wishes for a blessed Christmas and a healthy and happy new year.

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