



(Harrington Photo)

Great Village Elementary Grade 2/3 students await the start of the music to begin their song. “Little Drummer Boy” in the Christmas Concert. Front (l to r) - Jenna Otterson, Cameron Mackie, Kirsten Olsen; Back (l to r) Ethan Beazley, Zoe Kelly, Riley McMullen



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Grade Primary students Neita Lindsey, Colby Spencer, Damian Howell, Zachary Dykstra (l to r) were all smiles as they sang “Jingle Bells” in the Great Village Elementary Christmas Concert.

Bass River Fire Brigade

By Peter Christensen

Merry Christmas from the Fire hall. This month has been a busy time at the hall. Calls have been few but have been very intense. But thanks to a great training schedule and timely pointers by our astute training officer Blaine Dickie we are as prepared as we can be.

We are in the process of getting ready for Santa at the hall on Dec 19, at 1 pm. All the decorations will be up and the tree will be lit and the candy bags and of course the reindeer treats will be ready for Rudolf and the boys.

Gordon Lewis and his team will be traveling to the secret touchdown spot somewhere on the mountain, as far up to the North Pole and snow as they can get, to await Santa's arrival with eager giddiness, and red cheeks tingling with excitement, and that is only Gordon while he is waiting. This is our Bass River tradition, the horses in their Christmas harness with the bells and ribbons jingling and fluttering in the wind. The music will be playing on the wagon and Santa Claus HO HO HO ing all the way to the hall.

Are your parents aging?

By Chris Urquhart

Prepare for an emergency by gathering the information you might need should your parent be hurt and unable to respond to doctors' questions. If your aging parents were to have a medical emergency, could you provide the information doctors would need to care for them? Do you know the names of your aging parents' doctors? Is your mom taking any medications? Has your dad ever had any surgery?

While you might not know the answers to some of these questions about your aging parents, it only takes a few

minutes to collect and write down this vital information. And it can save precious time in an emergency. Here is a list of 10 things you need to know about your aging parents' health: 1) Names of their doctors. 2) Birth dates. 3) List of allergies. 4) Advance directives - a legal document that outlines a person's decisions about his or her health care, such as whether or not resuscitation efforts should be made and the use of life-support machines. 5) Major medical problems, such as diabetes or heart disease. 6) List of medications and supplements - don't forget vitamins,



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Grade 4 students Nicole Higgins and Lucas Watson acted as the MC's during the Great Village Elementary Christmas Concert.



Great Village Elementary Primary students Alea George, Tyler Doucette, Holly Gould, Talon Smeltzer and Cheyanne McLellan (l to r) recite the poem “I Made Myself a Snowball” during the Christmas Concert on Dec. 10th.

Ah, traditions, these are memories which keep the fires burning bright in our hearts, remembering our past experiences and our friends who have left us all. The fifty year anniversary plans are slowly taking shape as well as our plans for a memorial at the hall.

I am looking for pictures of our first truck, a 1957 Ford, anyone with pictures can call me or Ronda Dickie.

That reminds me, the calendars are almost done and are better than last year, I think there are new pictures and a new format which is user friendly. So you folks

should call Ronda or Blaine for orders, a very inexpensive Christmas present for sure.

Just a reminder when the brigade gets a call, it is easier to find the house, when the proper civic signs are out in front of the residence. To help your brigade find your house a civic number is a great idea or Christmas gift for the person who has everything but a civic number. The man to call to get your civic number call Alan Zimmer at 647-2335. He will take you through the process of ordering your signs.

Well that is all for this year. Who knows what the new year will hold for everyone. Have a Merry Christmas, and remember to bag your wrapping paper and do not burn it, hard on the pipes.

Fire man Pete signing off until next time.

aspirin, etc. 7) Religious beliefs. 8) Insurance information. 9) Prior surgeries and major medical procedures. 10) Lifestyle information - do your parents drink alcohol or use tobacco?

Knowing these 10 things should help you take care of your parents in an emergency. You can also have them put ICE into their cell phones with your name and phone number in their directory.

Paramedics check cell phones now to check for an ICE - in case of emergency - number and will call you if they need to. These few easy steps could mean the difference between life and death. Be sure, be safe!

Londonderry Community Council News

By Sally Richard

This is a busy time of year and that is why our notes are so brief. It seems there just isn't enough time and that we are all trying to beat the clock to get ready for Christmas. When you think about it, the true meaning of the season gets pushed aside and we get too wrapped up in our own priorities and of course the commercial trap of buying expensive gifts. The celebration of our Savior's birth is the true reason for the season. It is sad that the focus for children now mainly is Santa. A birthday cake on Christmas Eve for Jesus helps to reach the little ones.

The annual turkey dinner was postponed for a week due to an unexpected snow storm. A special thank you to all the workers and servers who helped us out on short notice at a busy time and to all who came out in support

of our fundraiser effort. The hunters breakfasts were very successful and well supported. The winner of the 50/50 draw was Ruth Casey, Londonderry Station - a sum of \$184.50. Ruth was elated as she said it was the first time she ever won anything. Belated birthday wishes to Myles Rushton, Sutherlands Lake who recently celebrated his 85th. Best wishes to Winnie Spencer who is recovering from knee surgery. We miss you Winnie.

Congratulations to Amanda Langille for her efforts to win funds to improve the Community Church in Londonderry Station. Amanda is going for water and plumbing for the church and cleverly labeled it the “Thirsty Church”. So far the church is still in the running. The pioneers of that church would be so proud of Amanda for her work in carrying on their

vision for the community when they built the church in 1949. A well attended children's Christmas concert was held there on December 13.

The “We Care” Kitty Society held a successful bake sale at the Community Centre on Dec. 12. Their president Venita George said she is pleased that their work with stray cats is moving forward and is happy with community support.

Our monthly meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month from 7-8 pm. New members needed. Card parties are held on Monday nights at 7 pm. Everyone welcome. Tea, coffee, cheese and donuts are served. Contact Amanda Langille 668-2300 for hall rental inquiries.

On behalf of our President Reid MacVicar and members of the Council, enjoy a very Merry Christmas with family and friends. May 2010 bring your good health and happiness.

Great Village & Area Notes

By Florence B. Adams

The December meeting of the Isabelle Pope U.C.W. was held at the home of Vernon and Carrie McCully on Dec. 9, with seven members and one great present. A delightful luncheon opened the meeting. An interesting worship “Signs of Christmas” was led by Lois Bray assisted by Meredith Layton and the hostess Carrie McCully. The business meeting made the usual Christmas donations plus for three organists. At the close of the meeting each member present was presented with a lovely treat bag.

The Historical Society met at the Legion on Dec. 2.

Wheels To Meals was held at the Legion as usual on Dec. 1 and Dec 15.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Myrtle Kreger who passed away earlier this month.

The community Christmas Tree is in place in front of St. James United Church and decorated thanks to volunteers.

The Londonderry Station Community Church (aka The Thirsty Church) held a Christmas Carol evening on Dec. 13. It was its usual success.

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