

Bass River Bridge Cause for Concern



The build up of gravel under the bridge in Bass River has area residents concerned there could be damage to the bridge or flooding this winter. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

A build up of gravel under a bridge along Highway #2 in Bass River has area residents voicing their concerns. Jim Grue says within the last few months about 3 feet of silt and gravel has collected under the bridge.

There used to be enough room to drive a machine under the bridge and now even a person would have to

stoop to walk. Mr. Grue and others in the community are fearful the build-up will create a dam and with winter ice there may be flooding or further damage to the bridge.

Highway #2 is the main road between Bass River and Truro and if there was major damage to the bridge, alternate routes would be very time consuming for motorists.

Wentworth Pioneers' Christmas Supper



The Pioneer members who won first prize for skits or quizzes at a recent meeting of the Wentworth Pioneer Club are Bob Smith, Grace Fiddes, Carol Hyslop, Eleanor Sprague and Vernon Sprague. (Bridgewater Photo)



Members and friends of the Wentworth Pioneer Club received six sessions of Taoist Tai Chi training at the Wentworth Recreation Centre from instructor Tam Flemming shown at right as he chats with Andrew Patterson during a recess. (Bridgewater Photo)

By Hope Bridgewater

The Wentworth Pioneer Club meets at the Wentworth Recreation Centre the second and fourth Fridays of the month, with the fourth Friday having a potluck supper followed by games. A recent fourth Friday meeting had a Christmas theme. The potluck

supper had by chance as usual enough casseroles, salads, breads, biscuits and sweets to make a tasty meal, together with friendships and lively conversations. Fortunately, having a commercial dishwasher at the site makes the clean-up after the meal fast, hygienic and efficient.

Masstown Community News

By Chris Urquhart

As we look forward to a New Year we must also look back on the previous year and note our highlights and lows. On the bright side, we have made it through another year, but on the down side our taxes have increased, job availability has dwindled, gas prices are getting higher every week and many are holding their breath the stock market will finally improve in 2011.

Here in Masstown we are grateful to have our homes and our friends and good neighbours. It is nice to see our businesses expanding and we pray for continued prosperity for them. Buying local if at all possible does make a difference!

The weather has been unusual what with both cold and snow then warm and rain. (What ever would we do if we couldn't talk about the weather?). With the recent storm still fresh in our minds I hope that you had your emergency kit fully supplied. If you didn't, now is the time to get it "up to snuff" as my Grandmother would have said!

The Christmas program was organized and presented by Claire Patriquin, Janice Smith, Georgie Patriquin, and Betty Curry. The program had background music on a player (both donated to the Pioneers by Bob and Janice Smith), skits, contests, poems, and readings, and live piano music with both solo and chorus singing. Invigorating was the enthusiastic response and laughter by the Pioneer members to this program.

A beginning entry featured by Claire Patriquin was called "The Hat Story" and she asked Vernon Sprague and Bob Smith to do a humorous skit with four hats representing people placed in front of each of them. Another skit organized by Janice Smith consisted of a parcel bulging with many layers of tightly done wrapping paper and two very bulky mittens. Janice passed along a single playing Auction 45's card to each member, and when a member held a King, he or she had to try to unwrap the parcel with the big mitts. It was hard going and took time, but finally Carol Hyslop was declared the winner of the contest and of the parcel. Incidentally, Janice Smith was honoured on this Friday by earlier being on the phone to Maritime Noon (CBC Radio) and telling the true story to Maritimers about a deer coming to a person's yard and bending down to lick the family cat.

The poems and readings

Remember that the well at our community park works in all weathers with a bit of pumping and the water is safe to drink. There have been times when we have had to use it due to loss of power and have been grateful to have it there.

Our recent "Breakfast With Santa" went over exceedingly well! The Masstown UCW made \$800.00! Thanks to everyone who helped out in any way with special Thanks to Santa who was very popular. Even the DGM Men's Club had their photos taken with Santa! The children loved it and as it was so popular we will probably do this again next year.

Christmas is just a few days away. I hope that you have all your preparations made and can sit back and relax until Christmas morning. Do come to the Christmas Eve Church Service at 7pm, Dec. 24th at Debert United Church. The offering will go to the Benevolent fund which helps out members of our community where there is a need, and this is decided by our Minister at his discretion.

were more serious and thought-provoking. Janice Smith read a selection called "The True Meaning of Christmas," which emphasized kindness and the giving of gifts or funds to those in need. Claire Patriquin read a poem, "A Different Kind of Christmas," which stressed the importance of remembering at Christmas the Canadians serving in the Armed Forces and then another poem, "It's Beautiful Woman's Month," about the necessity of linking good character to beauty:

*For attractive lips,
speak words of kindness.
For lovely eyes,
seek out the good in people.
For a slim figure,
share your food with the hungry...*

Finally, Betty Curry arrived late as she had been invited to play piano at another meeting. Betty as pianist went to the stage to play songs and hymns about Christmas, and to encourage group and solo (Peggy Patriquin) singing. Claire Patriquin concluded the program at 9:30 p.m. by reading Scripture and poetry selections and asking Betty to lead in two favourite hymns: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Away In A Manger."

At this time, several members departed and others stayed to play the card game, Auction 45's.

Masstown UCW will meet on Thursday January 6th, 2pm (winter times) at the Masstown United Church. All ladies of our community welcome!

DGM Men's Club will hold their breakfast meeting on Saturday January 8th, 8am at the Double C Restaurant. All the men in our communities are welcome to come to this breakfast meeting.

As somehow my notes for visitors and condolences got mixed up with the notes of the previous month I am adding them to this month's notes. Lana Burtch of Ontario was home visiting her mother Rosemary Baas. Marg and Lou Gatzka have gone to Calgary to spend Christmas with their daughter. Helen Kingston of Montreal was home visiting her brothers Lloyd and Cecil Jennings and their families. Brian Baas was home for his father, Keith Baas' funeral and stayed with his step-mother Rosemary Baas. Scott and

Brenda Trenholm are home from Ontario to spend Christmas with his mother Rosemary Baas.

Condolences go out last month and this month to: Travis Barley and family on the death of his great Uncle Harold (Heddy) Rushton; Mildred Reid and family on the death of her mother Mildred Davidson; Gail Hines and her family - Susan, Sandra, Chris and Kathleen and their spouses and children on the death of Gail's husband John Henry (Jack) Hines and Rosemary Baas and family on the death of her husband, Keith Baas.

May this Christmas bring out the best in you as the love of Christ shines through you unto others and may your New Year begin and remain as a fresh start with, as Anne of Green Gables would put it, no mistakes in it yet!

Ron and I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year.

Great Village & Area Notes

By Florence Adams

The Christmas meeting of the Isabelle Pope UCW of St James United Church was held at the home of Carrie and Vernon McCully on December 8th with six members and three guests present. A delicious dinner was followed by devotions led by Carrie assisted by Meridith Layton. The social afternoon that followed was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Carrie for a wonderful Christmas meeting.

Micah Adams, Montreal, has been visiting her parents, Robert and Natalie Adams earlier this month. On the first Tuesday of December, Wheels to Meals was held, as usual, in the Legion Hall on December 7th. Soup and biscuits with cheese cake for dessert was enjoyed by all those present. The December 21st version of Wheels to

Meals was a special Christmas Turkey dinner.

A Christmas luncheon sponsored by CALA was held in the Community Hall on December 6th. The main attraction was Mrs. Santa Claus, who read to all the children and passed out treats.

Kyle McCrae was home from British Columbia to visit his mother, Glenda McCrae and celebrate his sister's birthday in late November. He returned to British Columbia on November 29th.

The "flu" clinic was held in Faith Baptist Church late in November. It was well attended. Jack Leeman drove his granddaughter, Santa Leeman to Halifax on November 26th for dental surgery.

I enjoyed a visit on December 5th from my granddaughter and husband, Dawn and Larry Hatt of Onslow.

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Of the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade
Take this Opportunity to Thank
Everyone in the Community
& Surrounding Area For Their
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**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
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A Reminder to all to remember to check lighted trees on a regular basis and never leave Christmas lights unattended.

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