

Area Skaters Performing Well



Felicia Rushton, left, Bass River and Maria Wood, Great Village shown following a recent Truro Skating Club test day. Felicia attained her Gold Level Interpretive and Maria Wood her American Waltz and Sr. Bronze Skills. (Submitted)

By Deborah Mitton

Two young skaters from Bass River and Great Village are doing very well in figure skating. Congratulations to Felicia Rushton (Bass River) and Maria Wood (Great Village) on their recent achievements on a recent Truro Skating Club test day. Felicia attained her Gold Level Interpretive and Maria Wood her American Waltz and Sr. Bronze Skills.

It is believed they are the first from Bass River and Great Village ever to achieve such levels. Gold level is the highest you can get in the

world of skating. Felicia now has a gold test. It is a very high level and one the area should be very proud of.

Both girls began in the Parrsboro Club then moved on to Debert and Truro to skate. Felicia now coordinates the Debert Canskate Program and both girls volunteer teaching new skaters. They are coached by Deborah Mitton.

The club held a Demo/family skate on Monday, December 12th. As part of the event Felicia performed her Gold Test program.

Clifton 4-H Club makes wreaths as fund raiser



A Centrepiece made for the annual Christmas fundraiser for the Clifton 4-H Club. The club also made wreaths. (Marla McNutt Photo)

By Taylor Master
Club Reporter

On December 6th, the Clifton 4-H club had their third general meeting of the year. It was a Christmas party and it was held at the house of Jane and Andrew Blackburn. The Christmas party features marshmallow roasting over a bonfire, hot chocolate and juice, gingerbread cookie decorating lead by the 4-H club president, Christina Straathof and a cookie game by Marla McNutt. At the party, the members and parents could pick up their wreaths and center pieces made by the club for the fundraiser.

On December 3rd, the Clifton had a few members of

the club and the community met at the Old Barns United Church to make wreaths and center pieces for a fundraiser for the Clifton club. It was organized by Jane Blackburn of Woodlands and Meadows Perennial Nursery and Gardens.

This is the 3rd year that the Clifton club has had this fundraiser run by Jane.

In November, the Clifton 4-H club entered a float in the Truro Christmas Parade. It was organized by Angela Masters and Angela Smith. It was candy theme and all of the kids were dressed as wrapped candies. It was beautifully decorated with hay bales and Christmas lights and giant lollipops.

Great Village Garden Club Notes



The top of the Community Christmas tree gets decorated by Harold Sharpe, Arthur Haskins and Wilfred Miller. Gerri van den Hoek steadies the ladder while Patti and April Sharpe supervise. (Shears photo)

By Arthur Haskins

With the onset of winter many people might believe local garden club members go into hibernation. Such is not the case with the Great Village Garden Club. The afternoon of November 26th saw a number of members show up in front of St. James United Church to carry out an annual tradition of putting up and decorating a community Christmas tree with lights.

This year's tree was donated by Carrie and Vernon McCully and it was hauled to the church site by Patti and Harold Sharpe by their tractor and wagon. The tree had been under cover during the previous weeks snowstorm and so was nice and dry.

The large tree was pulled off the wagon and placed in the concrete base in the ground and then club members used a platform on the tractor as well as various size stepladders to decorate the tree with many lights. The job started with glorious weather but soon began to turn colder

when the wind picked up.

Members pushed on and soon the job was completed, just in time for everyone to move across the road to the Legion Hall where hot punch, crackers and cheese awaited. This was the prelude to the Garden Clubs annual supper which featured a meal of roast pork with all the fixins and gingerbread or strawberry shortcake for dessert catered by the Great Village Fire Auxiliary.

After the meal, members were divided into groups of four and entertained by a digital photo contest on medicinal herbs we saw on our tour of the Glooscap Medicine Center earlier in the year. Some groups were able to identify all the herbs while others fell well short of a respectable score, but our quizmaster, Sybil Flemming declared it a draw and gave all the groups a prize of a potted poinsettia. Thanks goes out to the program committee for organizing such a great evening.

Great Village Community Association News

By Linda Shears
Holiday shoppers who came to the Christmas Tea and Dessert on December 3 were pleased by the variety of items offered by the vendors as well as the variety of delicious desserts.

Plans are being finalized for the Family Literacy Day event on Saturday, January 21. CALA (Colchester Adult Learning Association) and the Community Association are working together to host the

event. Watch for more details as the date approaches.

The CALA Christmas Luncheon on December 12 was well-attended and guests of all ages enjoyed themselves, including Mrs. Claus.

The Community Association meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Community Hall.

Residents are encouraged to attend and help plan future community events.



Some members of the Great Village Maggie's Place playgroup join Mrs. Claus for a photo at the CALA Luncheon on Dec. 12th. Left to right: Nicole & Kyrie Morse, Erin and Emmitt MacKinnon, Elijah MacKinnon, Sloan Turner- MacLean, Mrs. Claus (Linda Shears), Alexis Morse and Hendeikus van den Hoek- Field. (Harrington Photo)



Mrs. Santa (Linda Shears) reads a story to Sloan Turner- MacLean, Elijah MacKinnon and Alexis Morse during the CALA Christmas Luncheon at the Great Village Community Hall. (Harrington Photo)



Shannon MacAloney is working on some math questions. She has been attending Colchester Adult Learning Association classes in Great Village for almost ten years and says she loves math best of all. Shannon was only able to attend school as a child up to Grade 2 and the CALA classes have offered her the chance to pick up some additional reading, writing and mathematic skills. (Harrington Photo)



Charlene Lannon (tutor) joins some of the Adult Learners from her CALA classes (Brenda MacRae, Jeff Maluske, Shannon MacAloney and Fred Bartlett) at the Colchester Adult Learning Association Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 12th. Adult Learning classes are held at the Great Village Community Hall each Monday and Wednesday from 9- 4:00. (Harrington Photo)

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