

PHOTO FEATURE

Christmas in our Schools

Grades Primary to 4 at Great Village Elementary held their Christmas Concert on Dec. 13th, titled Traditions Around the World. (Harrington Photos)



The GVES choir sang a beautiful "We Are the Children of the World" to open the concert.



Aren't these the cutest reindeer you ever saw? The Primary/One class sang "Reindeer Love to Boogie".



The Grade 2/3 class performed a wonderful Mi'kmaq Gathering Song, accompanied by Mrs. LaPointe on drum.



Grade three/four students sang "Christmas Love" and added some shaker accompaniment.



Rebecca Langille, Sierra McLellan and Maya Warman were wearing fancy dresses for their concert.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR
to all our wonderful campers!

See you in the spring!
From Jim & Trish

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Wagner, ATVANS & SANS Reach Land-Use Agreement

By Roger Mailman

After months of meaningful discussion between Wagner Forrest N.S. Ltd, ATVANS and SANS, a land-use agreement has been signed. Although Wagner and SANS previously had an agreement, it became evident over the past number of months, a tripartite agreement would be extremely beneficial to all three parties.

The deal was reached after several meetings, considerable good will and an appropriate amount of due diligence. For ATVANS member clubs, this deal provides direct access to nearly 500,000 acres of land and developed trails. ATVANS agrees to provide third-party liability insurance as we do for all land use agreements. We also agree to support our partners in further development and maintenance of existing trails and infrastructure that benefits all parties.

This agreement is the largest single land-use agreement for ATVANS, and may be the largest agreement involving a private partner and a provincial ATV association in Canada. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with our partners.

We believe our reputation as a responsible organization with over a

fifteen year history representing the organized, responsible OHV riders in Nova Scotia helped achieve this agreement. Non ATVANS members will be able to access this land by simply joining

a local ATVANS club. ATVANS club membership varies between \$20-\$45 depending on club services, activities and events.

Roger Mailman is ATVANS president.



Present for the signing of the land use agreement were: Floyd Cock President SANS, Roger Mailman President of ATVANS and Ian Johnstone, General Manager Wagner Forrest N.S. Ltd. (Submitted)

Out and About with Ken

By Ken Kennedy

I had expected to begin this final "Out and About" with a four-letter-word: S-N-O-W - but, praise God, as I write this (Nov. 21st) it is a bright and sunny day, and it has been this way for the past week or more. When we look at the weather catastrophes around the world we should feel blessed.

It was such a fine day on Sunday after church that Velma and I decided to make a quick trip to Yarmouth, via Granville Ferry, to visit with a couple of our nursing home chaplains in those areas. We left Debert around 2PM and stayed over at the lovely Mid-Valley Motel in Middleton rising early on Monday morning in order to make a short stop in Granville Ferry and on to Yarmouth and back home by 7PM that evening. Whew! A beautiful drive, but too much in one day.

On the way by, we stopped at the Annapolis Royal Nursing Home and had a nice chat with the manager Linda Bailey, RN, a lovely lady. In Yarmouth we spoke with the owner of New Beginnings, Linda Comeau. We left Yarmouth around 2PM and hustled back for home. We thought of taking a "short cut" at Windsor and heading over the Rawdon Hills but when we checked the GPS it was no faster.

As directors of Community (Nursing Home) Chaplains, we now have two chaplains in Parrsboro, three in Truro

area (counting us), one in Halifax area, one in Yarmouth, and a prospective chaplain in Granville Ferry. If you think you can visit with our dear, dear nursing home residents to pray with them and talk about Heavenly issues in a nondenominational context, please drop me a line at 25 Campbell Road, Debert NS B0M 1G0.

As I said in another column, November month is always a busy time for Legion members and other veterans. Great Village Legion began its Remembrance Day activities with a church service at the Economy Rec Centre on Nov. 4th. I hadn't been down that way for a while so I was a bit surprised to see what looks like the beginning of an animal farm in Great Village with sheep, goats, horses, llamas, and such just up from the school. At "Antique Corner" it's a little bit disconcerting to see items listed as antique or collectible that I would have used as a kid! In Economy I see that shell of a small airplane still sitting out in the yard and I'm still wondering what the owners plan to do with it.

Velma and I met some very nice people at the Truro Mall when we were selling poppies there. Velma had a great time showing young and old how to pin on the poppy to keep it from falling off. (We hope they do eventually take them off so they can buy new ones next year!) Barbara Pratt dropped by for a chat and we

were shocked to find out that there are poisonous spiders in Nova Scotia. Her father, Walter Millen, got bitten by one and it took the doctors some time to find out what it was that made that ugly and painful sore on his foot. In fact, Walter is still hobbling around, but it doesn't stop him from checking out the yard sales around the province!

In closing, I would like to say that I think it's time to hang up my keyboard. Lately I have been approached by people who have taken offence to some things I said in jest in this column. I have been writing this type of column now for about 19 years. Some of you may remember it as "Ken's Korner." I have never knowingly meant to hurt anyone's feelings but times have changed.

Maybe it's the political cor-

rectness thing or the Privacy Act of Nova Scotia that have caused people to not want their name, activity, or photo made public. In fact, a while back I sent a photo to another magazine and for them to publish it. I had to have the subject person sign a legal permission document. Clergy are not now supposed to mention a person's prayer request without their permission. Hugging is strictly taboo in many churches. Ministers are not to visit members of the opposite sex alone. (There goes the confidentiality issue!) Teacher's "hands off" policy is strictly enforced in most schools, and so on.

Just to prove to you that I am not entirely depressed, Velma and I want to wish you all a Very Blessed CHRISTmas and a Spiritually prosperous New Year.

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