

### Lower Onslow Preschool held their Annual Christmas Concert at the Lower Onslow Community Centre.

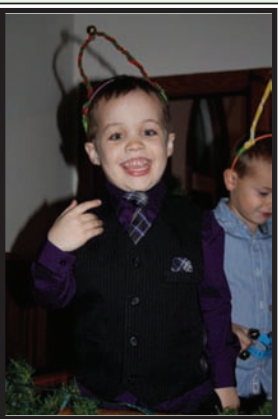
(Photos by Linda Harrington)



Left to right: Connor Crossman, Amy Field, Jay Shreve (out front), Julia Welton, Preston Fitzgerald, Kadence Swinemar and Scarlett O'Brien.



Left to right- Kelly O'Brien, Allister MacEachern, Jacqueline Upham, Maggie Warren, Luke McKeigan, Hannah Archibald, Owen Connolly, Amyla Doyle and Dylan Stanley.



Jay Shreve is all smiles on stage.



Callianna Zwicker sitting on Santa's knee.



Connor Crossman and Amy Field



Megan Crowe sitting on Santa's lap.



Keira Chapman on Santa's knee



L to r - Preston Fitzgerald, Ethan Young, and Kadence Swinemar

### Chiganois Elementary Christmas Concert was held in the Auditorium at Cobequid Educational Centre, Truro on Dec. 12th.

(Harrington Photos)



Miss. Tait's Class: Back (l to r) - Kiersten Cummer, Morgan Barkhouse, Mitchell Ellis, Merle Putnam, Katherine Bentham, Emma Hill-Macmillan, Mary-Emma Barnhill; Front (l to r) - Regan Merriam, Hannah Burke, Elijah Stewart, Max Morgan, Jasmin Atkinson, Sara Swan, Josie Dean, Chandy Paulette and in the car is Cameron Myatt.



Paige McNamara, Ashley George and Ty Shreve of Mrs. MacLeod's Primary class were looking adorable as they sang on the big stage.



Libbi-May Shaw (left) and Scarlett Michelin from Mrs. Phillips Grade P/1 were singing their little hearts out.



Jessie Little, Lily McCabe, Kali Swinemar and Meranda Bates helped collect food donations at the Christmas Concert. Mrs. Robertson's Grade 5 class organized the Food Drive after studying the virtue of generosity this past month.



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Jennessa Wolfe, Nolan Swan and Austin Young (l to r) played the drums during "Little Drummer Boy".



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### Karen Casey's Holiday Message

We are now into the holiday season with Christmas shopping, Christmas baking, craft sales, church services, Christmas concerts and homes and businesses well decorated. All of these activities provide opportunities for us to celebrate with family and friends.

Christmas is also a time for giving. Children are excited and wait in anticipation for the gifts that they will receive on Christmas morning. The happiness and excitement shows in their faces. It is important however, to remember that not all children are fortunate enough to experience this happiness and excitement and many of those children are here in our own communities.

Many of you do take this opportunity to "make" Christmas for the less for-



tunate. There is nothing more exciting than shopping for a family who you know is in need. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing the appreciation on the faces of those who answer the door when you drop off their gifts.

We often forget those in need may be our neighbours. One of the strengths of our

province and its rural communities, is that people do care for one another. I encourage all of you to pause for a moment, think about the folks in your community and make a commitment to make some child's Christmas morning something to remember.

The gift may be small, but it may be the only gift that child receives and even though the gift is small, the reward is huge. The sense of satisfaction that you feel in your heart is one not easily forgotten. Your Christmas morning will be better knowing some child has a smile on their face.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support and to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season. Always remember...it is better to give than to receive.

Karen Casey, MLA Colchester North

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