

New Sand Kitchen Play Space Now Open

By Linda Harrington

The grand opening for the second phase of a larger "Loose Parts Play" project at Chiganois Elementary was held on Monday, Dec. 3rd. The entire school came out to see the new edition to the play space.

The first phase saw the installation of a shed last year.

This project is funded by an RFD Provincial Grant, a Municipality of Colchester Play Space Grant and Trail Grant. Chiganois PTG has also been raising funds for the project for the last three years.

Garnet and Alexia McLaughlin, of Cobequid Trail Consulting, designed and oversaw construction of the new sand kitchen, which came together over three or four weekends of volunteers help.

PTG President Jen McKay says the project couldn't have come together without the huge community support including donations of time and materials from Aggregate Equipment, Ian Crowe, John McKay, Masstown Hardware, Glenholme Ready Mix and Evan Putnam, along with parents and staff at the school.

A unique addition to the new play space is a giant wooden shark's head. The shark is the Chiganois Elementary School mascot.



Alyssa and Gavin Putnam were the first to try out the new kitchen area.



Open for cooking! The new sand kitchen at Chiganois Elementary was officially opened on Dec. 3rd.



All staff and students from Chiganois Elementary School came out to celebrate the grand opening of the new sand kitchen.



Members of the Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club played a "snowman" game at a recent party. (Jessica Porter Photo)

4-H'ers Contribute to Christmas Index

By Jessica Porter

The Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club has been collecting items for the Christmas Index Program. Every year, we give to a family as a way to give back to the community. We give a variety of food items such as a turkey, eggs, and crackers, but we also give presents for the family as well. This year, with each member's contribution of an item or two, it resulted in a big success.

In the Foods project, meetings are well underway, getting a good start on all the food items to cover in the project year. The Foods project is a fun experience and its goal is to teach kids about preparing meals and cooking. Each year they have a food theme they have to cook from, and this year the theme is Grain Products. At their last meeting, they prepared two side dishes, Summer Savoury Stuffing and Rice and Sausage Stuffing. They have a meeting on a Tuesday every month.

We had a short General Meeting at the Lower Onslow Community Centre followed by a lively Christmas Party with games, pizza and other snacks, and a gift exchange. For the gift ex-

change, each member was required to bring a gender neutral, under \$10 gift to swap with someone. We played silly games and had a good time.

We also will be doing a 4-H clothing order for members who want some 4-H swag with our new logo. Our next general meeting will be at 7 p.m. on January 8th at the Lower Onslow Community Centre.

Jessica Porter is the reporter for Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club



4-H Clubs Can Get Up To \$500

By Maurice Rees

The Farm Credit Canada (FCC) 4-H Club Fund has provided \$114,250 to 233 clubs across Canada to support various activities and local events.

The Club Fund is part of FCC's \$250,000 annual com-

mitment to 4-H Canada. In addition to supporting local 4-H club activities through the Club Fund, this contribution supports national as well as provincial 4-H initiatives.

The FCC 4-H Club Fund awards up to \$500 for a wide

range of projects including achievement days, skill-building workshops, field trips, public speaking competitions, and the purchase of club supplies.

The next application period for FCC 4-H Club Funds opens in August 2019.

For more information on the FCC 4-H Club Fund, please visit 4h-canada.ca/clubfunds

Man Injured After Gun Shots

By Maurice Rees

RCMP are seeking the public's assistance to investigate the possible involvement of a vehicle used in a shooting of a man inside a house in Onslow Mountain on December 12th. At approximately 10 p.m. on December 12, a man was injured when several shots were fired at a home on Onslow Mountain Rd.

The injured was transported to hospital in Halifax via EHS to local hospital then taken via LifeFlight to hospital in Halifax for further medical treatment. Identity of the injured and extent of his injuries have not been revealed as the investigation ongoing, al-

though his injuries are not believed to be life threatening.

The initial investigation has indicated that several other shots were fired. A vehicle was damaged by gun shots as well. In addition to the victim, a woman and another man were present in the home when the incident occurred, and they were not injured. Investigators have determined that the suspect(s) parked a vehicle on the road near the home, approached on foot, then left the area in the vehicle. Initial indications are leading police to believe this was not a random act.

The investigation is being led by the RCMP Northeast

Nova Major Crimes Unit. Additional RCMP resources assisting with the investigation are Police Dog Services and Forensic Identification Services. The RCMP is asking anyone who saw a vehicle parked in the 1500 area of Onslow Mountain Rd. near 10 p.m. on December 12th to call them at 1-800-803-RCMP (7267) with information.

Should anyone wish to remain anonymous, call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca, or use the P3 Tips App.

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