



The Debert Elementary P-3 Drama Group presented four traditional tales on May 27th. The Tale of the Turnip was directed by Anna Staples-Sears, narrated by Brianna Wood and was presented by the following students: (front, 1 to r) Madison MacLean, Taniah Freill, Bryan Spence; (back, 1 to r) Tessa Weatherby, Marlee Alexander, Katie Webb, Mallory Priest, J.J. Staples-Sears, Brenton Maberry. (Harrington Photo)



The Debert Elementary P-3 Drama Group presented four traditional tales on May 27th. The Little Red Hen was directed by Shelley Langille, narrated by Brianna Wood and the actors/actresses included: (left to right) Nicole Geldart, Blaise Taylor, Austin Hennigar, Madeline Hepburn, Jake Millican, Kaelie DeAdder, Wyatt Higgins, Makayla Isenor. (Harrington Photo)



The Debert Elementary P-3 Drama Group presented four traditional tales on May 27th. Students taking acting roles in The Six Billy Goats Gruff included: (front, 1 to r) -Sarah Kittilsen, Connor Simpson, Dylan Lockhart, Devin Lockhart, Cameron Barnes, Christina Rines; (back, 1 to r)- Anna Staples-Sears (Narrator), Hannah Lane, Lucas Rushton, Cnaan Hebb. The play was directed by Roberta Blackwood. (Harrington Photo)



The Debert Elementary P-3 Drama Group presented four traditional tales on May 27th. Chicken Little was directed by Shelley Langille, Narrated by Mallory Priest and actresses included: (front, 1 to r) Olivia Staples, Brianna Wood; (back, 1 to r) Emma Chisholm, Carly Spencer, Alyssa Boyd. (Harrington Photo)

## Wentworth United Church Women Celebrate at Mattatall Lake

By Hope Bridgewater

In June, the Wentworth United Church Women traditionally hold a social time, before closing down for July and August until opening again in September. At this social event, men as well as women guests were invited by members. Member Jan Smith, who resides at Mattatall Lake, volunteered to be host at her home for this party.

Mattatall Lake, one of the many secluded lakes in Nova Scotia, borders on the two counties of Cumberland and Colchester and is three miles (4.8 kilometers) in length. It is a beautiful lake surrounded by forest and harbouring loons, beavers and small mouth bass. The lake name is in recognition of the Mattatall families who were early grantees and settlers. As one example of the Mattatall presence at Mattatall Lake, Ephraim Mattatall (1822-1922) was granted land at Mattatall Lake in 1868, had a farm bordering Mattatall Lake, married Marguerite Patriquin (1839-1922) in 1864, and they had 13 children. Ephraim Mattatall is buried in a grave site near Mattatall Lake where also over 30 graves have been discovered.

Coming back to the present, host Jan Smith and her husband Bob welcomed UCW members and their guests at 2:30 p.m., whereupon people socialized inside the house in the spacious living room or the cozy den with sky lights or outside on the open veranda with a view of beautiful flower beds and forest or on the deck with a scenic view of Mattatall Lake and its tranquil

waters reflecting a blue sky.

Games of washer board and lawn darts were played on the lawn and winners received prizes reflective of Mattatall Lake: sculptured loons carved in wood.

Jan Smith called everyone together to hear Betty Duizer report on the significance of a loaf of bread on the kitchen table. The bread was a symbol of the 85th anniversary of the United Church of Canada. Arrangements had been made to send donated flour from across Canada to each congregation and each congregation added their own flour to make a sourdough loaf for members to eat and partake in a Canadian shared ceremony.

Betty Duizer then said grace and everyone began eating the potluck supper (cold plates, salads, breads, desserts, drinks) with the back-up donations of hamburger and hotdogs barbecued by host Bob Smith, who was working on the open veranda. Bob's dog, Buddy, a Brittany Spaniel, stayed near the barbecuing, hoping for a treat, while Bob's grey and white cat nonchalantly strolled by.

On this day, Winston and Peggy Patriquin were celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary, and Carolyn MacAloney offered them a celebration cruise on her pontoon boat around Mattatall Lake, and my son, Gregory Bridgewater, and I were invited to go along for the ride. With Bernell MacAloney as driver and Bob Smith as talking tour guide, all passengers saw the 81 homes bordering



Jan Smith, who volunteered to host a gathering of the Wentworth United Church Women at her Mattatall Lake home, takes a minute to relax on her deck and to view the scenic beauty of the lake. (Bridgewater Photo)



Bob Smith at his Mattatall Lake home, barbecues hamburger and hotdogs to help with the potluck supper for the gathering of the Wentworth United Church Women being hosted by his wife, Jan Smith. Bob's dog, Buddy hopes for a treat, and Greg Bridgewater waits with others for the upcoming feast. (Bridgewater Photo)

the lake (mostly hidden by trees), loons usually in pairs, beavers splashing as they dived for cover, and the beauty of this lovely Nova Scotia lake: its pristine environment, its invigorating pure air and pleasant June breeze. After the hour tour, Winston Patriquin said with conviction: "This was the best cruise ever for a wedding anniversary."

Present at the party were 16 UCW members: host Jan Smith, Martha Wilson, Ethel Gilroy, Marie Duranceau, Pearl McNutt, Gwen Little, Twila

McMaster, Thelma Redmond, Florence Harnish, Ida Murray, Ella Patriquin, Betty Duizer, Eleanor Sprague, Jean Wood, Peggy Patriquin and myself. There were 10 invited guests: Carol Hyslop, Carolyn MacAloney, Marion Gower, Beth Crouse, Jean Brown, Bob Smith, Bob Hyslop, Bernell MacAloney, Greg Bridgewater and Winston Patriquin. Departing from the party, many exclaimed about the beautiful setting for a "good time" and about the wonderful hosts, Jan and Bob Smith.

## Masstown Community News

By Chris Urquhart

School is out and summer is under way! Watch out for the kids playing and walking the roads, they are not always as careful as they should be. Seems like school only started up a few months ago, my, how time flies.

Onslow Jr. High School had their prom last week. I hear it was a good time for all, that the girls all looked pretty in their fancy dresses and that the boys looked like young men. Congratulations to each of you graduating and moving on to CEC next fall.

A lot of people are now spending time at their cottages and are looking forward to spending as much time there this summer as we can manage. If you don't find us home, chances are that's where we'll be!

There will be a Strawberry Supper (ham salad plate, strawberry shortcake, tea, cof-

fee etc.) on Saturday July 3rd from 4:30 - 6pm at the Debert Fire Hall sponsored by the Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 12. Take outs available. Everyone Welcome!

Something to mark on your calendar: Blueberry Pot Luck Supper August 21st at the Masstown United Church.

There will be a 45th Anniversary Party for Bill & Doreen Simpson on July 24th from 3-7pm at the Great Village Legion. This is a very special event with food, music, lots of fun and a "money Tree"! All family and friends are welcome to come and help Bill and Doreen celebrate this 45th Anniversary in style!

We have a couple of visitors here in Masstown at the moment. Susan Willett of Canloops BC is home visiting her parents Jack and Gail Hines. Cindy Smith of Calgary is home visiting her mother Verna Gamble and helping her pack up to move to Dartmouth.



Marchel Strong (left) and Lois Allen were enjoying a day of yard saling along Hwy#2 from Advocate, when they stopped in at Erskine United Church, Glenholme. Marie McElhinney (right) and her helpful assistants were happy to show the ladies some treasures the UCW were offering at their annual sale. (Harrington Photo)

## Water Safety Facts – keep safe

By Chris Urquhart

If you spend time at the beach or at the lake, or have your own pool in your yard at home, here are some Water Safety Facts to keep in mind: Drowning is one of the leading causes of death for Canadian children aged one to four. For every toddler who dies from drowning, it is estimated there are three to five additional near drownings, which require hospitalization.

In nearly half of the infant and toddler drownings, the

victims were alone. A small child can drown in only a few inches of water - enough to cover the mouth and nose. Drowning can occur in less time than it takes to read this safety message!

The most common location for infant drownings is the bathtub. Home swimming pools account for 38% of toddler drownings. Since 1991, only 4% of reported toddler drownings were in pools with self-closing and self-latching gates. If all home pools were

equipped with self-closing and self-latching gates, nearly all toddler pool drownings and about on-third of all toddler drownings could be eliminated.

Drowning deaths are preventable. Here are some tips to ensure being around the water is not only fun but safe as well: Supervise children, whether at home or on vacation. Adult supervision is the best protection for children - even for those who can't swim.

Ensure that your backyard pool is fully fenced with a self-closing, self-latching gate. Don't leave toys around or in

the pool when you aren't using it. Toys can often tempt children to the water's edge.

Make sure you have a First Aid kit and a phone to call 911 from near the pool or at the beach. In a boat, make sure that everyone is wearing a life jacket - even you!

Don't consume alcohol before or while swimming or boating. Be cautious about swimming in currents, and know what to do if you get into trouble. Get trained through swimming and water safety lessons. Take the time to be safe, it beats wishing you had.

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# Fishing for Frank

by Daniel Lillford

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