



A county ordered cleanup took place at a property along Hwy #4 in Lower Debert, just up the hill from Elm River Park, on June 15th. The property which in its original life was a service station, then a garden centre and most recently was storage area for retired construction equipment had become unsightly with complaints from many motorists. After the rusty machinery was removed the building was flattened within minutes. (Harrington Photos)



Debert Elementary students were excited to open several boxes from Indigo Coles, Truro Mall to see what wonderful books they were receiving from the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation. (Harrington Photo)



Chelsea Clement and Jessica Berilli, from Indigo Coles, Truro Mall came to Debert Elementary on June 23rd to announce they have adopted the school under the Love of Reading Foundation. They dropped off several boxes of books for the school library and starting in September, more fundraising will help put even more books on the library shelves. (Harrington Photo)

Lowland Gardens Silent Auction Raises over \$1100

By Linda Harrington

Great Village: Lowland Gardens has held an annual silent auction, on several beautiful flower baskets, for over ten years. All money raised goes to local charities including the Great Village

Elementary School, Fire Brigade, Legion, United Church and Hospital. This year the money has once again been donated to the Great Village Fire Brigade.

"We feel by donating to the Fire Brigade we are helping

the entire community and we appreciate what the volunteer fire fighters do for our community each and every day of the year," says Gerrie.

The 2015 Silent Auction involved 20 artistic floral containers, each designed by the staff. "It became sort of an in-store competition between staff members," laughs Gerrie. "The top container received a bid of \$100, with the 2nd place going for \$80."

People come back, year after year to place bids and some local people visit several times a week to increase their bids. One basket was even won by a person in New Brunswick.

The final tally raised was \$1183.50 and members of the Great Village Fire Brigade were on hand, with a fire truck, to receive the cheque on June 24th.



Gerrie and Tony van den Hoek present Larry Kinsman and Kathy Giles with a cheque in the amount of \$1183.50 for the Great Village Fire Brigade. The money was raised at Lowland Gardens Silent Auction earlier this month. (submitted)

Look how much Lowland Gardens has grown in 30 years!



1985



2015

Lowland Gardens opened its doors in 1985, with 1200 sq. feet of greenhouse space. 30 years later, the business consists of over 25,000 sq. feet. Congratulations Gerrie and Tony van den Hoek on your 30 Year Anniversary!

Debert Elementary Notes

Wow! Another year has zoomed by and the accomplishments of Debert Elementary students have once again surpassed expectations. The grade six class had an awesome finish to their year with a trip to Magic Mountain and a memorable Recognition Night. Special thanks to Sonya Barnhill for organizing this event and sharing the story "Johnny the Bagger". For those of you who have not heard this story I suggest you take the opportunity to read it and then make the message within your story. The class of 2015 has certainly started down that road of making a difference with their efforts throughout the year. We have seen this class participate in We Day activities, raise money for the less privileged, gather food for the food bank, share the Boomerang of Goodwill assembly, act as leaders for our Field Day, participate in the 4k run and cheer one another on through a slew of other events. This truly is a class that has class and will make a positive difference for our world.

Many other accomplishments are also worthy of mention. The "We Run this Town" 4 k run was a huge success again this year despite the heavy rain. Nothing was about to dampen the spirits of 43 students and a number of parents and community members who joined us for the run. It is not only the runners that showed spirit but the community as a whole. We

had folks in cars honking their horns, parents with blow horns and flags, fellow students with high fives and banners supporting the runners. To each of you, as well as the businesses who supported us on this run, we want you to know that our "buckets were filled" that day and we thank you.

As we look forward to September, I am pleased to say that all staffing is complete. I am pleased to announce that Andrea Burris is our new music teacher, Lisa McCully will be joining us to teach grade six and Sonya Barnhill will be returning to the Early Literacy Support position. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish

Mr Black a happy retirement and Ms Lilly all the best in her new post at Truro Elementary.

I am also pleased to announce that Indigo Books in Truro has adopted us as their school as part of their tenth anniversary celebrations.

On Tuesday, two representatives from the store came to Debert with several boxes of books to add to our library. We are excited about the opportunities this sponsorship will avail us in September.

In conclusion I hope you are enjoying your summer break. Be safe, enjoy the break and take every opportunity to "Reveal Your True Colours".



Torrential rains did not dampen the spirits of Debert Elementary 4K Fun Run participants on June 19th. (Harrington Photo)



Debert Elementary 4K Fun Run participants pose for enthusiastic group photo before leaving for their run on June 19th. (Harrington Photo)



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