

# PHOTO FEATURE

Debert Elementary Fun Run was held on Wednesday, June 20th - the 10th annual Fun Run took place in the morning this year to avoid the intense heat wave temperatures. Forty-six students headed out on the run, lead by RCMP Constable Clements. (Harrington Photos)



And their off! Great job everyone.



Everyone is ready to run! The students and staff taking part in the run pose for a group photo.



Braxton Lewis, Memphis Leblanc, Hamish Ogilvie, Ryder MacDonald and Rylee McElroy join Blue Nose, the Marathon Mascot for a pre-race photo.



Blue Nose Marathon volunteers Jessica Theriault and Kelly Hudson and teacher/run organizer Sonya Barnhill get ready to hand out the post run medals.



RCMP Constable Clements lead the race, keeping students safe. Akosha Richard had a tour of the Constable's vehicle while waiting for the race to begin.

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## Stronger Together, United for Impact

By Sarah Flemming

Work has been underway to unite several United Ways across the Maritime region for a number of years now. We're excited to share that as of June 1, 2024, all of the boards of directors and the memberships of seven United Ways have passed resolutions to legally come together as one entity.

The seven United Ways include United Way Central New Brunswick, United Way of Colchester County, United Way Halifax, United Way of Lunenburg County, United Way of Pictou County, United Way Prince Edward Island

and United Way Saint John, Kings & Charlotte. A new regional organization means we'll be stronger together, and united for impact.

This is an exciting opportunity for our region, as we streamline our work and maximize staff time, we will have more opportunity to proactively build new revenue and business partnerships, which means greater impact in your community. We are looking forward to the opportunity to share resources and expertise, to continuing to strengthen and advocate for the social impact sector, and to increasing

our investment in local communities over time, across the region. We will also be able to streamline operations with regional governance and financial oversight.

We've deliberately been working through this process slowly, being very mindful to address individual concerns of staff, board and community all along the way. The design of a new entity is predicated on a number of core principles:

- Ensuring locally raised dollars are invested locally and funding decisions are

made based on local knowledge and expertise;

- Ensuring there is United Way staff and volunteer presence in each geographic location, to continue to grow strong relationships; and,
- Ensuring all employees currently employed by the United Ways have positions within the new regional organization that align with their interests, skills and experience.

Your United Way will still be yours - and will now be even stronger.

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## Great Village Legion Branch #72 presented \$500 Bursaries to several local students on Wednesday, June 12th. Making the presentation were Bursary Committee Members Charles Burns, Diane Barkhouse and Branch President Dan Wesley.

Absent from photos was Bowen MacMillan, who will be attending Mount Allison University/ Moncton Flight College for a Bachelor of Commerce- Aviation. (Harrington Photos)



Piper Sampson plans on attending University of Moncton for Bachelor of Science-Kinesiology.



Hilary Fitzgerald plans on attending Dalhousie University for Kinesiology.



Colby Spencer plans on attending NSCC Cumberland Campus for the Power Utility Linesman Course.



Kyle Dykstra plans on attending NSCC in Dartmouth or Pictou for the Carpentry Course.



Marissa MacFadyen plans on attending the Jane Norman College for the E.C.E Program.

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