



You never know what might show up at an auction...including a very unique pink pig! Auctioneer Jody Smallman did a great job for the Great Village Fire Brigade's Auction on Saturday, May 5th. (Harrington Photo)



Many volunteer hands were needed to keep the Great Village Fire Brigade's Spring Auction moving swiftly along. Kathy Simpson-Giles takes an item from Terry Frances to deliver to the winning bidder. (Harrington Photo)

Londonderry Community Council News

By Sally Richard

A few weeks ago Jean Samad was driving the Westchester Road. About a mile from Sutherland's Lake she was surprised to see a large cow moose on the road. This was once a very common sight on the mountain but over the last few decades the moose population has really declined. It is now a real treat to see the majestic animal at any time.

This spring seems particularly troublesome with ATVs and small motor bikes damaging the ballfield, the community hall property and also around the Catholic church. A motor bike damaged siding on the community hall requiring several feet of siding to be replaced. The drivers of these machines are young boys who scoot away quickly. Where are their parents? How come they allow their children to destroy other people's property and drive their machines on the roads passing cars recklessly? Children learn from their parents and sadly this is what we are facing here.

On June 4 there will be a public meeting at the Community Centre concerning a playground facility for young children. All parents are urged to attend the meeting to offer input into various types of equipment. The meeting will start at 7 pm.

Several ladies from Londonderry attended the first Well Within Women's Day on May 5 in Truro. The day was hosted by Dr. Celina Spence and two of her associates, Dr. Nathalie from Ottawa and Dr. Jesse from Alabama. It was an informative day with sessions in yoga and zumba. Many awards were presented to ladies who in various ways have contributed to their community. Margaret Barnes, Evelyn Patriquin and myself each received an award for volunteering within our community. It is an honour that has to be shared with many other ladies here. We work together so that makes us all winners.

Cindy Johnson of Oliver, BC and Piper Johnson of Calgary, Alberta have returned to their respective homes after spending some time visiting with their parents, Bertha and Ivan Johnson. Maxine and Dan Richard visited their son Aaron and family in Ottawa. They enjoyed the tulips but missed seeing them at their peak. Congratulations to Amanda Mattix and Jeff MacRae who were married on May 26. Several of Amanda's family members who attended the wedding were from the Boston area. Condolences to the Richard and MacLean families on the passing of Ida (Richard)

Noah's Monument Project Celebrates Animals

By Linda Harrington

Scott Armstrong, Member of Parliament for Cumberland-Colchester, was at West Colchester Consolidated School in Bass River on May 24th to make an important announcement, especially significant for young Noah Tremblay, a grade 6 student at the school.

On behalf of the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Veterans Affairs, MP Scott Armstrong announced the Cobequid Veterans Memorial Park Committee will receive up to \$7,027 to construct the Forgotten Heroes Monument in the Cobequid Veterans Memorial Park.

"The Forgotten Heroes" was the name of a school Heritage Project, completed by Noah Tremblay last year. It focused on the role of military animals and how they helped soldiers during the war and when the project was presented at the Regional Heritage Fair, Noah won the Veterans Award and the Student Award. The project featured stories and names of animals such as horses, pigeons, cats and dogs. "These animals risked and gave their lives for the soldiers they fought alongside of, and ours. The difference is they had no choice to go and they have not been honoured and recognized for what they have done and still are doing," he said.

Blakeney of Dartmouth. Ida was the daughter of Raphael and Dorothy (MacLean) Richard. She is survived by her brother Fred Richard and sister-in-law Joan. Birthday greetings to Nancy (Langille) Matthews who celebrated a birthday on May 25.

June 3 is grave decoration day for veterans. Members from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 72 will place a Canadian flag on the graves of deceased veterans. In our area a service will be held at the Thirsty Church on June 3 at 10:30 am. The names of all veterans who are buried in this area will be read aloud. Everyone is invited to attend.

The ladies from the Community Council will be attending a food handlers course on June 14 in Great Village. This course is offered every four years and is necessary for anyone working around food to receive a certificate qualifying them to do so.

Card parties are over for this year. The last games were played on May 28. The last Council meeting will be held on June 4 at 6:30 and will resume in September. Contact Amanda Langille for hall rental inquiries (668-2300).

Noah decided there needed to be a memorial established to honor these animals and designed the monument himself, with an estimated cost of \$13,000. "These soldiers and others asked the government for a memorial to their fallen animals and they were turned down. They wanted their animal's names, not their own, on a monument. I wanted to be able to do this for them," he said.

Noah began fundraising in the spring of 2011 by collecting donations, selling beeswax lip balm made by his uncle and selling raffle tickets. After raising over \$4500, he turned his focus to other areas of funding, including municipal, provincial and federal.

The Municipality of Colchester committed \$3000, after Noah made a presentation at their November meeting and the Province recently added \$2000 to the fund. The current announcement of over \$7000 in federal funds, provided through the Community War Memorial Program, ensures The Forgotten Heroes Monument will go ahead.

MP Scott Armstrong was happy to offer Noah his personal congratulations, "As far as I know he is the youngest person ever to put forward a federal funding application and see it through like he did. For someone his age that's an incredible chore he has accomplished," said Armstrong. "On top of this he is definitely the only project in Canada to celebrate animals. The minister said out of all the projects, and there are many being announced across Canada today from this fund, this was the one he thought was the greatest idea and he couldn't believe the application came from someone Noah's age."



MP Scott Armstrong and Noah Tremblay tour Veteran's Memorial Park following the announcement of \$7027 in federal funding for the Forgotten Heroes Monument, a project twelve year old Noah began over a year ago. The monument, to be located at the end of the gravelled pathway, will be unveiled on July 1st. (Harrington Photo)

The Forgotten Heroes Monument will feature names of the Canadian service men and women and their animals engraved on black granite. Stepping stones imprinted with different sets of animal footprints next to human footprints will be placed in front of the monument, along with a large statue of a Newfoundland dog sitting on the ground. The statue is in honor of a Newfoundland dog named Gander, a mascot with the Royal Rifles of Canada in WWII, who died when he picked up a grenade thrown at Canadian soldiers.

Dr. Karen Ewing, chairperson of the Veterans Memorial Park Committee says the monument is already filled with names of Military Police and their dogs, RCMP Officers and their dogs and horses and names of Veterans and their animals from previous wars. She says the Forgotten Heroes Monument would be the first of its kind in Canada and only the second of its kind in the world.

Noah spoke in front of his peers thanking Veteran's Affairs for contributing to the monument fund and for help-

ing to "honour the animals and to help make the soldier's dream come true". He told those gathered the story about Gander, and also an astonishing fact that over 8 million horses died in WWI.

Noah isn't slowing down his efforts just yet. He has organized a Spring Fund Fair at WCCS for June 9th, all money raised will be shared between the monument fund and the Veterans Memorial Park Society. "If there is any money left over, after the monument is completed, it will be used for upkeep of the monument in years to come," says Noah.

Noah's mother Sonya was quietly watching her son the focus of attention. "I didn't think this project would ever be so big," she said with pride. "But I should have known, as Noah never goes 'little'". She said Noah's father, Petty Officer Pierre Tremblay, would have loved to have shared the moment with Noah but he is currently away on a mission at sea. "He will be looking forward to seeing the photos," she said.

The Forgotten Heroes Monument will be unveiled at a ceremony in the Veterans Memorial Park on July 1st.



Dr. Karen Ewing, Chairperson Veterans Memorial Park Committee and MP Scott Armstrong congratulate Grade Six student Noah Tremblay following an assembly at WCCS, Bass River. Mr. Armstrong came to the school to announce federal funding for Noah's project, the Forgotten Heroes Monument. (Harrington Photo)

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