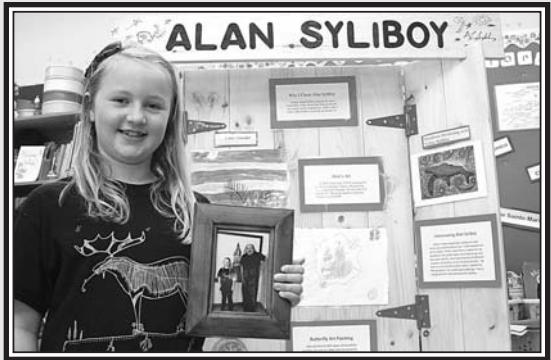


Chiganois Elementary Heritage Fair was held on April 25

(Harrington Photos)



Nicole Higgins thought Alan Syliboy's art was unique and it inspired her to pick the local artist as the topic of her project.



Mason Murphy brought Corporal Jean-Luc Vogel, with the 36th Brigade, to illustrate his project on the Nova Scotia Highlanders.



Jasmin Atkinson has family from the Parrsboro area, so she chose the History of Parrsboro as the topic for her project.



Lauren Sookson liked the paintings she saw when she visited Joy Laking's gallery in Portaupique so she chose Joy as the topic for her project.



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I Heard it at The Company Store

By Wendy Cox

Do you know what I heard... I heard that there is a big bear in the interval feasting on the green grass. Well it is the time of year we have to watch out for the wild life getting into our garbage and compost. I remember a few years ago we had bears in our neighbourhood and it was kind of scary to go out after dark. Thank heavens we haven't seen any lately.

I believe we can actually say, spring has sprung, finally! The grass is growing, lots of those beautiful spring flowers, I think we call them dandelions! At least lots on my lawn! Everyone is getting the flower and veggie gardens planted and just being outside is a bonus. It was such a long cold winter it's nice to be able to go out without winter wear on.

Cottagers are starting to return and things are starting to get busier at the store. The bass fishermen are out on the beach trying to catch the big one. We had one big bass weigh in at the store already. It was a beauty, right Gerald.

This is my second favorite time of year (I love fall), the smells of new life, fresh spring air, the birds chirping all that good stuff. But I like it because I can get on the bike and explore. We had a fun spring 4-wheeling run the first weekend of May.

There was still some snow in places and some mud in other places. The mud was for that

new bike to try, right, Evan and Holly. And it worked great, that girl got lots of mud on her. And I mean both Holly and the bike! A beautiful day to be on the mountain with friends.

The Bass River Heritage museum will be opening for the season soon as well as the Economy Interpretive Center and Five Islands lighthouse. If you haven't been to visit these places try and make it a summer stop. It still amazes me how many local people come into the store and say they have not visited any of these places.

The CEC choir and Band were out to put on a morning concert for the students of WCCS and then to Pansboro to entertain student there. The WCCS staff tell me it was well received by both students and staff. I hope to see future CEC students involved in the music program, it is an awesome way to meet new people and they have a great time. Get involved in the school programs, you will enjoy the school more if you do!

Condolences go out to the family of Pam Rushton and a get better soon to Bob Burns who is in hospital.

Stay safe and watch out for those bicycles on the roads, it's that time of year again. Remember if you want to see something here let me know ...you know where I am most days.

Chiganois Elementary School

By Linda Harrington

Congratulations to Chiganois student Katherine Bentham who will represent the Central Chignecto School Board at the Provincial Heritage Fair in Halifax. Her project on Francis Kenneth Grant (Katherine's great-great-great grandfather) was picked to move on from the Regional Fair in Truro.

Other students who represented Chiganois at the Regional Fair included: Sara Sawn, Peter Aultenkirk and Mitchell Ellis, Mary Emma Barnhill, Lauren Sookson, Nicole Higgins, Emily Crosby, Sam Rogers and Dallace Pash.

Congratulations to Mr. Gunn on the birth of his daughter Marley. Mr. Gunn is going to be staying home for the remainder of the year so replacing him is Ms. Blaikie in the classroom and Mr. Grant in the Gym.

On Wednesday April 2nd, Emma Hill-Macmillan and Mrs. Davidson made a presentation to CCRSB Board members and senior management about the Roots of Empathy program.

Talents are blooming and Volunteer Appreciation Night was held on May 14th.

A PTG Family Dance was held on April 16th, thank you to everyone who donated items for the canteen and or volunteered their time. Again this year all the class trips will

be funded by the PTG. The Primary and Primary/One students will be travelling to the Hill-Macmillan Farm. Mrs. Davidson's class will be heading to the Wildlife Park. The Grade Two and Two/Three class went to the Museum of Industry. The Grade Three students will be having a fun filled day at Victoria Park. All of the Grade Four students went on a road trip to the Discovery Center.

May 29th, Grade 5 students will visit CCJHS for a tour of their new school. Grade 5 students will take an overnight trip on June 12th and 13th to the Fundy Geological Museum in Parrsboro.

June 20th is Field Day; all new Primary students are welcome.

Chiganois students, under the direction of music teacher Mrs. Angela Saunders, will present a musical on June 23rd. All are welcome to attend.

Yearend Assembly, Grade 5 Graduation and Awards Presentation will take place in the morning on June 24th. Grade 5 graduation party will be held in the afternoon.

Everyone is welcome to come and wish former Chiganois Physical Education teacher Margie MacIntyre (Miss Rip) well in her retirement at Cobequid Consolidated Elementary on May 29th, 6:30- 8:00PM.

A PEDESTRIAN'S LAMENT

Look-Out Watch-out
Two drive and across my toes

Look-Out Watch-out
A shattered knee by a SUV

Look-Out Watch-out
Couldn't step clear of the driver's side mirror

Look-Out Watch-out
Young driver on a bike took a flying hike

Look-Out Watch-out
Lady turning right wasn't too bright

Look-Out Watch-out
Time to take cover another distraught lover

Look-Out Watch-out!!!!!!!

God bless and thank you

Thomas A. Marshall, Ex-Navy

Masstown Community News

By Christine Urquhart

We are finally into real spring weather! The birds are all back, even the hummingbirds, and many are nesting. The seeds in my feeders keep disappearing so they are still eating lots, and I see them drinking out of the bird bath but not bathing yet, must be too cool most days still. Lots of flowers are in bloom and the leaves are mostly out on the trees. The pin cherries are in bloom and soon the apple blossoms will also be out. What a wonderful time of year!

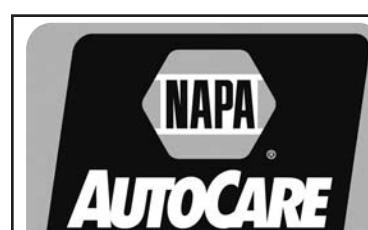
The Masstown Community Association will meet on Tuesday June 17th, 7pm at the Masstown Market - restaurant part. They will be making plans for their Canada Day at the Park and welcome anyone who would like to drop by with some ideas. They also wish to congratulate Tracey Fisher from Debert who won the Mother's Day Basket!

Visiting this month are: Carol Jean, Kevin, Cory and

Brea Pudsey from Ontario visiting her mother, Rev. Carol Gillard; Rev. Diane Crewe from Loon Bay NFLD visiting Rev. Carol Gillard. Mary and Jim Leggett have been on a trip to Scotland. Rev. Carol Gillard spent a few days visiting her daughter, Carol Jean Pudsey and granddaughter Brea while Carol Jean was at a conference in PEI. Rev. Carol also attended the 100th anniversary of her home Church, St. Luke's United in Donkin, Cape Breton.

Condolences this month go out to: Andrea Bentham and her family on the death of her grandmother, Ethel Logan; Ardith McCully and family on the death of her brother-in-law, Brian Rushton and Irene Gratto and family on the death of her husband, Aubrey Gratto.

May you take the time to smell the roses and enjoy the good weather while it is with us, and may you make memories to hold on to come next winter!



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